

## Angry Reagan vows to keep the Gulf open

### Mystery of Exocet attack that killed 28 sailors

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Expressing anger and dismay, President Reagan yesterday pledged to keep the Gulf open to world shipping as the Pentagon announced that 28 crewmen had been killed in the Iraqi Exocet missile attack on the American frigate, USS Stark, in the Gulf on Sunday.

Mr Reagan said that he knew and shared the sense of concern and anger Americans felt at the tragedy.

"We are protesting this attack in the strongest terms and are investigating the circumstances of the incident," he said.

He would report the results to the American people, and

any further steps warranted, he said. "We remain deeply committed to supporting the self-defence of our friends in the Gulf and to ensuring the free flow of oil through the Strait of Hormuz."

The Pentagon said that the death toll rose after 25 people

Britain will not withdraw its frigates from the Gulf after the attack on the USS Stark.

Whitehall sources said, Britain keeps two frigates and an auxiliary vessel technically deployed in the Indian Ocean but in fact stationed in the Gulf.

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were found dead in the portion of the ship ravaged by fire. At least six others were injured. It said that the USS Stark was hit by at least one French-built Exocet air-to-surface missile.

The US frigate had one minute's warning that a missile had been fired, but did not try to shoot down either the missile or the plane.

A spokesman said an AWAC early-warning plane based in Saudi Arabia had been monitoring the Iraqi fighter, and that the Stark had attempted to communicate by radio with its attacker. But there was no "general quarters", and the ship was patrolling with only a third of its batteries manned.

Pentagon sources said yesterday that the crew of the Stark probably knew the ship was being "painted" by a target acquisition radar.

The attack underlined the vulnerability in the Gulf of frigates that were really anti-

submarine not air-defence ships.

Earlier on Sunday, the Stark monitored two Iraqi planes patrolling other parts of the Gulf. The plane that attacked was observed flying low and slowly southward down the coast of Saudi Arabia. As it neared Bahrain, it suddenly turned east over the Gulf, climbed to 5,000 ft, and made the strike.

The crew was last night still fighting the fires on board. But there was no immediate danger of the ship sinking.

The White House and the State Department have protested vigorously.

The attack came on the same day a Soviet freighter, Marshal Chukov, hit a mine near Kuwait.

The US is holding talks with Kuwait and other friendly Gulf states on the threat posed by Iranian attacks, and on the possible re-flagging of Kuwaiti-owned ships to the US flag.

The Russians have also agreed to protect Kuwaiti shipping.

● Sitting target: Pentagon officials were in a state of bewilderment last night over why the USS Stark was such a sitting target for the Exocet missile attack (Our Defence Correspondent writes).

Hours before the attack, the frigate had reported that all systems were operational, according to a Pentagon official. Yet the one weapons system that was capable of destroying the approaching Exocet was never fired. Nor was the special early anti-missile Chaff system activated to try and lure the Exocet away from the ship.

It also reverses a secret vote taken two weeks ago by the executive of the biggest union, the National Union of Teachers, to suspend the strikes at least until after the election.

The decision, which was quickly condemned by spokesmen for the three main political parties, represents a victory both for militants in the NUT and for the executive of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers. It had been prepared to call off the campaign only for the sake of a united front.

However, the two unions failed to agree yesterday on whether to escalate the strikes as the NAS/UNT urged, or maintain them at their present level. The NAS/UNT believes that the current campaign is too half-hearted.

A decision on how many

areas are to be targeted during June will be made tomorrow.

For the past few days both unions have been under pressure from members angered at suggestions that the nine week old campaign has been a flop.

The union leaders said they would be prepared to call off their campaign only in return for some sign of progress towards the restoration of negotiating rights.

A new round of half day strikes begins today in 13 areas. They include Croydon, Coventry, Derbyshire, Durham, Leeds, Rochdale, Tameside, Walsall and Wolverhampton.

Last night Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said it was appalling that the teachers were dragging children into the election campaign.

Mr Giles Radice, the Labour spokesman on education, said the responsibility for the continuation of the dispute was Mr Baker's. He said: "Within hours of the election of a Labour government, teachers' rights would be restored and peace and calm would return to schools."

Mr Paddy Ashdown, the Alliance spokesman, said the union's decision was sad and would do nothing for them or for children.

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## Iraq embarrassed by Gulf 'confusion'

By Robert Fisk, Middle East Correspondent

The remorseful and deeply embarrassed Iraqi regime of President Saddam Hussein yesterday issued a series of humiliating half-apologies for the devastating missile attack on the USS Stark, claiming that "confusion" by Iraqi pilots may have been to blame for the air strike on the American guided-missile frigate.

But as the Stark was limping towards Bahrain under its own steam last night with two huge holes above the waterline where the Iraqi Exocet missiles had struck, the Americans had performed to endure a humiliating warning from the Iraqis, who gloated over America's misfortune and threatened to cut off the flow

of oil from the Gulf if Washington persisted in "entering the quicksand" of the war.

It was a vivid example of the perils America now faces in the Gulf. Only 24 hours earlier the Soviet tanker Marshal Chukov was seriously damaged by a mine near Kuwait. But in a war in which many of the conventional rules of conflict — the use of gas, air raids on civilian targets and attacks on merchant shipping — have already been broken, perhaps America's only comfort comes from the fact that it was its potential friends, the Iraqis, and not its worst enemies, the Iraqis, who attacked the Stark.

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Dr Umaru Dikko, aged 51, the former Nigerian transport minister, who is fighting to remain in Britain after being found guilty in a court at Stansted airport, Essex, three years ago, told an immigration appeal tribunal that he would be shot if he was returned to his country. Page 3

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## Kinnock, Owen and Steel on campaign trail



Mr Kinnock in London yesterday with Amy, aged four months, whose mother is Miss Harriet Harman, Labour candidate for Peckham (Photograph: Chris Harris).

## Alliance offers programme of radical reform

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The SDP/Liberal Alliance yesterday launched its election manifesto, a day ahead of Labour and the Tories, claiming that it was the most radical reforming programme for government in history.

It calls for a constitutional reform package including proportional representation and a separate parliament for Scotland, a concentration on tackling unemployment which would involve greater spending and borrowing and a law and order package including the creation of "crime crisis areas" and a new Ministry of Justice.

Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, and Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, said: "If just 12 more people in every 100 vote for the Alliance this time we will be the single largest party in Parliament."

Meanwhile Mr Steel issued High Court writs seeking damages and injunctions against the editors and publishers of *The Star* and *The Sun*.

As Mrs Thatcher worked in Downing Street, Parliament was dissolved.

The Alliance leaders concentrated their attack on the Conservative Government, claiming that Labour is "unelectable" and irrelevant.

But Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, claimed on a visit to Glasgow that Labour was heading for its most famous win since 1945. He appealed to voters not to vote tactically, declaring: "If you want to tweak the nose of Thatcherism you can vote for just about anybody, but if you want to put it out it has to be Labour."

A Harris Research Centre poll for TV-am yesterday showed that Labour had narrowed the gap on the Conservatives by 4 points in two weeks.

Other opinion polls in marginal seats published yesterday suggested that Labour was making some advance, mainly at the expense of the Government.

The move to proportional representation figures in what the Alliance calls its Great Reform Charter along with the

promise of the elected parliament for Scotland, a Senedd for Wales, elected regional authorities throughout England, reform of the House of Lords by restricting the rights of hereditary peers, the introduction of fixed-term Parliaments and timetable legislation, the passing of a Freedom of Information Act, the repeal of Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act and the replacement of domestic rates with local income tax.

On law and order, the Alliance promises an extra 4,000 police, the tackling of crime crisis areas with more local police stations, better

street lighting and telephone repair, security grants for householders, curbs on the sale of offensive weapons and a new Royal Commission to report quickly on violence on TV.

On social security the Alliance pledges to increase the basic pension by £2.30 per week for single people and £3.65 for couples, with an additional benefit of £3.70 a week and £5.75 a week for

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## Teachers' strikes are renewed after militant pressure

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

Militant teachers have succeeded in resurrecting the campaign of half-day strikes by the two biggest unions in selected areas of England and Wales, which will now continue indefinitely.

The decision overturns an earlier agreement between the union leaders, reported in *The Times* last week, to call off the strikes because the campaign was seen to have failed.

It also reverses a secret vote taken two weeks ago by the executive of the biggest union, the National Union of Teachers, to suspend the strikes at least until after the election.

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A decision on how many

## Steel may sue more papers

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Mr David Steel's advisers will decide today whether to sue several Sunday newspapers. Libel actions against *The Sun* and *The Star* were launched yesterday.

Liberal officials no longer believe that the publication of the allegations at the weekend will damage the Alliance in the election campaign.

Legal action against ITN has not been ruled out, even though it made a full and welcome apology, because his advisers point out that *The Star* also carried an apology.

Mr Jim Dunsday, the Liberals' chief press officer, said a woman is expecting to take action today in Scottish courts against the same newspapers.

Mr Andrew Phillips, Mr Steel's solicitor, said: "The libels bear the hallmark of an absolute cynicism concerning the truth of this matter."

He added: "It is hard to imagine a more damaging slur — both in political and personal terms — at a more damaging time."

"We have advised Mr Steel that this seems pre-eminently a case for punitive damages. The law is clear. You cannot publish terrible lies about someone and then excuse yourself by saying that you were merely giving him or her the chance to deny them. The law may be an ass, but it is not that much of an ass."

## Shares hit record high on jump in retail sales

Shares leapt to record highs yesterday on news that the high street spending boom returned in dramatic fashion last month, with retail sales recording their biggest increase for nearly eight years.

The volume of retail sales rose by 3.8 per cent to record levels, as the warm spring weather produced an Easter bonanza for shops. Spending averaged £1.9 billion a week, compared with £1.77 billion during March.

In the latest three months, retail sales volume was running at 6 per cent above its level a year earlier.

With the Budget tax cuts and lower mortgage rates coming through, City analysts believe last year's strong upward trend of personal spending has returned.

The jump in retail sales helped the stock market, which had opened well down. The FT 30-Share index gained 4.8 points to a new closing high of 1,696.4. In the past seven trading days, nearly £21 billion has been added to share values, as the City gambles on a Conservative win in the general election.

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## Call for urgent inquiry into Aids and vaccines

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

An investigation to show whether live vaccines can provoke Aids in people already infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) immunodeficiency virus (HIV) should be considered urgently, possibly with the use of experimental animals, one of the world's leading experts on the disease said yesterday.

Professor Luc Montagnier, who first identified the Aids virus in 1983 at the Pasteur Institute in Paris, said he also would like the World Health Organization to look closely at the whole question of using such vaccines in countries where HIV is endemic.

A team at the institute was among the first to suggest that any kind of activation of the human immune

system could trigger the Aids virus in HIV-infected cells.

Professor Montagnier said: "There is a need for research in this area and I believe we should test live vaccines on chimpanzees."

Controversy over the role of vaccines in provoking Aids among carriers has been fuelled by a theory that mass immunization against smallpox, conducted by the WHO in Africa in the 1970s, may have contributed to the spread. That theory was dismissed by the WHO last week.

However, some specialists believe that the smallpox vaccine, *vaccinia*, could have so affected the human immune system that the virus progressed from a latent to an active, disease-causing state. Others believe

that the use of inefficiently sterilized immunization equipment in the WHO programme may have added to the disease's transmission.

Professor Montagnier said he thought it was unlikely that the vaccine was involved. Unsterilized equipment could have been a more important factor. "I have no proof of this. It is only an hypothesis," he said.

Professor Montagnier said he was not convinced by the case of an American soldier, whose development of Aids may have been co-incidental with immunization.

The use of other live vaccines in immunization programmes against diseases such as measles, should be questioned in countries where HIV is endemic, Professor Montagnier said.

The WHO campaign against smallpox was a magnificent achievement, and he was anxious that immunization projects should not be jeopardized. "It is a question of balance," he said.

The WHO has considered the issue and decided that people who are HIV positive should be immunized against measles, neonatal tetanus and polio.

"Immunization programmes in developing countries are now preventing almost a million deaths a year from measles, neonatal tetanus and whooping cough," a statement issued in February said.

"Halting immunization efforts because of the fear of Aids would increase deaths among children, while doing little to stop HIV transmission."

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NEWS SUMMARY

# 300 US jets to 'attack' Britain

A mass "attack" by about 300 American fighter aircraft across the English Channel will put Britain's much criticized air defences to the test today.

Twelve Tornado F2 and F3 aircraft, equipped with the controversial Foxhunter radar which has still not reached the required standard, will be helping to defend Britain.

A total of 350 aircraft, including about 50 from the RAF, will take part in the exercise which will last for an hour. The simulated attacks will be launched against East Anglia, northern England and southern Scotland.

Operation Hammer, which is being run by the US Third Air Force, is aimed at providing air crews with experience.

A spokesman for the force at Mildenhall, Suffolk, said that the American aircraft taking part would include F111s, F16 Falcons, F4 Phantoms and F15 Eagles.

## Murder charge

A man aged 18 has appeared at Mildenhall Magistrates' Court in Suffolk today charged with murdering a woman aged 33 and attempting to rape of a girl aged seven.

He was accused of killing Mrs Eva Watson in Laureate Gardens, Newmarket, on Saturday, and of the attempted rape in nearby Laureate School Road on the same day.

There was no application for bail and he was remanded in custody until Thursday, when he will appear before magistrates in Newmarket.

## Threat to post

Delegates representing 194,000 postal workers yesterday threatened an autumn strike unless the Post Office agrees to a three-hour reduction in the working week.

Mr Alan Tiffin, general secretary of the Union of Communication Workers, said: "Delegates took a much tougher stance than the one the executive was recommending". He was speaking at the union's conference in Jersey. The union wants a 40-hour week, but the Post Office has said it will discuss a 42-hour week.

## Pay threat to NUM

Sir Robert Haslam, chairman of British Coal, and his senior advisers were deciding last night whether to impose pay increases of up to £11.50 a week on the National Union of Mineworkers in spite of the union's refusal to enter negotiations.

The decision will be taken against growing signs that Sir Robert is losing patience with Mr Arthur Scargill, the union president, who is refusing to negotiate conciliation procedures.

Members of the breakaway Union of Democratic Mineworkers have accepted the deal, which is made up of an improvement in grade rates, incentive payments, attendance bonus and a conciliation bonus.

## Guinness to marry

Mr Sebastian Guinness, the banking and brewery heir, who was released from prison in February after being jailed for possessing drugs, is to marry, it was announced yesterday.

Mr Guinness, aged 23, a cousin and close friend of Olivia Channon, who died of a drink and drugs "cocktail" in Oxford last summer, is to wed Miss Silvie Fleury, whose parents live in Geneva.

He is the son of Mr Jonathan Guinness, the banker and former chairman of the Monday Club.



## Adam fireplace stolen

A £30,000 marble fireplace has been stolen from the headquarters of the Building Employers Confederation.

Thieves broke into the building in New Cavendish Street, central London, through a basement window. They chiselled out the eighteenth-century marble Adam fireplace and smuggled it out through a back door. Scotland Yard said: "We think it was earmarked for an overseas buyer".

## Union ban 'aimed at war leaks'

By Tony Dawe

A claim that the ban on unions at the Government's Communications Headquarters, GCHQ, was "a crude attempt to put the 'firebreakers' on staff leaking information on the Falklands war is made in a book published next week.

Mr Tam Dalyell, the former Labour MP, writes in his book, *Misrule*, that a parliamentary question he tabled about GCHQ at Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, aroused Mrs Margaret Thatcher's suspicions about his sources.

He suggests that the Government then placed an agent provocateur at one of his political meetings to ask questions about his sources.

The MP repeats his claim that Mrs Thatcher was aware that the Argentine cruiser General Belgrano was returning to port when she gave the orders to sink it.

He says a source outside GCHQ assured him that the Prime Minister knew of the Belgrano's change of course because of messages received at Cheltenham.

Downing Street said last night that the Prime Minister had nothing more to add

## Olivier to end film career

By Michael Horsnell

Lord Olivier is to retire from film acting, he announced yesterday, four days before his eightieth birthday.

He will continue to read verse or prose for radio or in filmed performances for television but there will be no more films or television plays.

Mr Laurie Evans, his agent, said: "It's his age. People expect him to go on for ever but he doesn't want to."

Lord Olivier, who last appeared on the stage in 1973, will attend a private dinner party in London with Miss Joan Plowright, his wife, and their three children to celebrate his birthday.

That evening he will be heard giving his first radio performance for 30 years. In *No End to Dreaming*, on BBC Radio 3, he plays an elderly Polish Jew recounting the dream he had as a young man. The programme was recorded in the study of his home in Sussex.

On June 7, to launch his new career, he will recite poetry in a Granada Television programme called *What Will Survive is Love*.

## Union launches campaign to end sex bias in jobs

# Women 'underpaid £15bn a year'

By John Spicer  
Employment Affairs  
Correspondent

Britain's second biggest union is launching a campaign to try to recover £15 billion a year which it claims women are being underpaid.

The campaign comes after a survey conducted by the General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union among 100,000 of its members in 636 workplaces over two years.

The survey, published yesterday, shows there is a gap of £15 billion between what

women are paid and what they ought to get.

Mr John Edmonds, general secretary of the 815,000-strong union, says his negotiators are going to go through agreements, industry by industry, and try to renegotiate them to get a fair deal for women.

"We intend to turn industrial negotiations upside down. The union's radical new bargaining strategy will make the elimination of sex bias a priority".

The union explains the discrepancy between the annual earnings of men and

women by claiming that overall men earn a total of £85 billion a year more than women.

Of that, £55 billion was because men worked longer hours. The other £30 billion, caused by discrimination in shift bonus payments and job gradings, should be shared equally between men and women workers. Thus, the union says, sex bias costs women workers £15 billion a year.

The union's report, *Winning a Fair Deal for Women*, says that in 1985 men earned £140 billion and the equivalent

figure for women was £55 billion.

The difference, the report says, has profound effects on women. It meant that for most part, they were dependent either upon men or upon the welfare state, or they endured lower living standards.

In 1985, the report continues, only 13 per cent of all women workers, about 1.2 million out of 9.4 million, had earnings above £150 per week.

Launching the document and announcing the campaign yesterday, Mr Edmonds said the report made shocking reading.

"It reveals the way Britain's working women are regularly ripped off by employers."

The survey showed that there were four main reasons that women found themselves lower paid than men: they were in lower-graded jobs; they received fewer bonus and shift payments; men worked longer hours; and there was systematic undervaluing of the jobs that women did.

Mr Edmonds said now that attention had been drawn to the problem his union intended to act on it — firstly on behalf of its 255,000 women members.

## Go-ahead for £230m revamp of dockyard

Approval was given yesterday for a £230 million scheme to revamp the nuclear submarine refitting facilities at Rosyth Dockyard in Scotland, creating 1,000 jobs over the next five years.

Replacement of the existing facilities, which date from the early 1960s, will mean that the yard can continue to handle two submarines at a time.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, said he was satisfied with the measures taken to reduce the impact of the development on the area and to ensure adequate safety and pollution controls.

The Ministry of Defence could have gone ahead with the plan, despite objections from Dunfermline District Council, the planning authority, because of Crown immunity from planning controls.

But, when the council and the ministry failed to reach agreement, the application was referred to the Scottish Development Department. It ruled yesterday that the

company behind a plan to save a third of the 1,200 jobs at the doomed Caterpillar plant at Uddingston, near Glasgow, said yesterday it had not given up hope of a deal with the US company.

However, Mr George Stewart, a spokesman for MFAT, the Highland company which wants to build a "go-anywhere" vehicle, admitted that problems had arisen.

But, Mr Nelson Brown, employee relations manager for Caterpillar, said: "We are hopeful of finding another buyer."

development should be allowed to proceed.

About a third of the 6,000-strong workforce at Rosyth are involved in submarine refit work.

Lord Young of Graffham, the Minister of State for Employment, has given permission for an explosives factory to be built in Scotland after left-wing councillors refused the development because they feared it would be used for military purposes.

Explosives Developments Scotland, of York, will begin work immediately on the £3 million development at Benhar Farm near Motherwell, Strathclyde, which will eventually provide more than 200 jobs.

Mr Reg Ashworth, a York solicitor and company secretary, said: "Nothing is going to happen overnight and it will be two or three years before we are in full production."

Strathclyde Regional Council wanted production limited to civil engineering purposes.



Mr Lewis, a former soldier, is treated by medical officers after being rescued from a disused mine shaft where he had been trapped for more than three hours yesterday.

Mr Lewis, aged 20, was descending the disused Ding Dong mine at Madron, near his home in Penzance, Cornwall, when his rope gave way

50 ft above a precarious platform about 200 ft from the foot of the shaft.

Mr Jack Aitken, a leading fireman, and Mr Paul Westaway, an air ambulance officer, who were lowered into the mine, found Mr Lewis in pain but conscious.

He was eventually hauled more than 100 ft to safety and

taken by helicopter to the Royal Cornwall Hospital, Truro, where he was being treated for leg and back injuries last night.

Mr Andrew Winterbottom, aged 18, one of three friends who set out with Mr Lewis to explore the mine, said: "Ian said he wanted to see what was down there. We had two ropes, but he said one was enough."

We didn't realize how dangerous it was."

Mr Laverne Caddy, control manager of Cornwall Ambulance Service, said: "This man was lucky. These old shafts are unstable and unsafe and people should be very careful and avoid climbing old mineshafts. He should have used two ropes rather than just one for the descent."

## Lay visitors: 2

# Surprise callers check on prisoners

Mitchell Miles was inspecting his first police station as part of a quiet revolution spreading across the country in relations between local forces and the public.

Mr Miles, aged 19, is on one of a growing number of lay visitors panels which have access to police stations to see that detainees are being treated properly and their rights are being observed.

Lambeth has 24 lay visitors keeping an eye on four divisions which cover exactly the south-east London borough. They include a retired fireman, youth workers, teachers and a clerk to the House of Commons.

The night I accompanied Mr Miles and Edmund Gray, both from Lambeth, they

Lay visitors are being recruited to police stations in England and Wales to monitor the treatment of detainees. In the second of two articles, Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent, accompanies two of them to see what happens.

found two prisoners at Kennington police station.

The visitors prefer to come without warning and a police officer tells the prisoner of their presence.

Neither prisoner had asked for a solicitor or wanted one. The routine in each case was the same, noting the attitude of the prisoner and state of the cell.

Mr Gray said: "The prisoners seemed relaxed. Many prisoners are like that, though

you obviously meet people who are upset."

At Clapham police station, the first and second prisoners asked did not wish to see the visitors, but a third said he had been "treated like a thorough gentleman".

Mr Gray said: "We have had around 13 per cent refusals. Very often it is because it is latish in the evening and they want to sleep."

Mr Miles, who works in the advertisement department of the British Medical Association,

is an example of one of the young people Lambeth is anxious to recruit because many of the prisoners are of about the same age.

Mr Gray, an author and former government inspector of historic buildings, is a British fencing selector. About half the members of the Lambeth panel are black.

Mr Gray said: "Assault is the most crucial thing we have to deal with. We encourage the prisoner to make a formal complaint if we can."

"We remind him that if he has been injured, making a formal complaint will mean that he gets a medical examination immediately. We would ourselves not carefully what is alleged, and any apparent injury."

"There is a very small number of prisoners who complain about assaults. We can be very clear that there is no systematic ill-treatment of prisoners."

Mr Gray said: "I would say cases where there is most suspicion are those in which prisoners have sustained injuries after they themselves have injured police officers."

"Prisoners may well have been resisting arrest. Allegations of brutality in the station are even rarer."

Concluded

## Officers fear private jail violence

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

Privatizing prisons could lead to an explosion of violence, a prison officers' union leader said yesterday.

The stoning of firemen and an attempt to cut off a prisoner's foot with a knife were examples of enormous control problems now facing staff in many open or semi-open prisons. Mr John Bartell, chairman of the Prison Officers' Association, said,

The reason was overcrowding in Category "B" prisons, the second highest security grading. Inmates, although unsuitable, were being recategorized and moved into low security prisons.

Mr Bartell, addressing the association's annual conference at Southport, Merseyside, said: "We look after an involuntary population who are hostile beyond comprehension and if our services deteriorate any further we will

be on the receiving end of an explosion of violence."

The prison officers yesterday rejected a plan to use Adolf Hitler to boost their image.

Advertisements were to be used showing him in an officer's uniform with text rejecting "the usual gibes about being members of the Third Reich".

The idea of using the Hitler poster, among others, was rejected by the conference.

## Press freedom key issue in MI5 contempt case

By Frances Gibb  
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The action for contempt of court brought by the Attorney General against three national newspapers will lead to a key ruling on how far the State can impose restrictions in the interests of justice on press reporting.

The legal proceedings, which begin tomorrow, come against a background of mounting friction between newspapers and law officers.

that the State has become more restrictive in what it will allow to be published, the law officers take the view that the Press and broadcasting media are constantly testing the frontiers of what can be published by increasingly taking risks under the contempt laws.

The proceedings were brought after publication by *The Independent*, *London Daily News* and *The London Evening Standard* of what was claimed to be details of the allegations made by Mr Peter

Wright, the retired MI5 officer.

They raise the crucial question of how far a court injunction, which prohibits a named newspaper or anyone else from carrying out acts such as publishing certain material, can apply to others.

The newspapers went ahead with publication of the Wright material even though they knew of existing injunctions against *The Guardian* and *The Observer* will also apply for their

injunction to be lifted in the light of the action by the other newspapers.

Mr David Pannick, barrister and fellow of All Souls College, Oxford, says the case raises important issues which have not been tested in the courts to any great extent.

In this week's *Law Society Gazette*, he cites several cases where there have been rulings that injunctions operate against the world at large.

In an injunction sought last

year over demonstrations outside potential nuclear waste sites (*Nirex v Barton*), Mr Justice Henry gave a warning that if anyone knowing of the injunctions did the acts forbidden by them, that would be a "wrongful interference with the administration of justice", and they would be liable for contempt of court.

However, in 1973 Lord Justice Buckley ruled it was not a contempt to defy an injunction which applies to someone else.

# CPSA faces ballot rerun

By Tim Jones

Moderates in the largest Civil Service union were preparing last night to demand a rerun of its internal election in an attempt to prevent it falling into the hands of the Militant Tendency and Trotskyist-backed hard-left candidates.

It seems that Mr John Macreadie, a supporter of Militant, is about to become deputy general secretary of the Civil and Public Services Association in an election trend which would also deliver a majority on the national executive committee to the hard-left.

But moderates are preparing to challenge the results, to be announced tomorrow or Thursday, after the disappearance of ballot papers from 80 of the union's 802 branches.

The results were to have been announced at the union's Blackpool conference last week but were delayed after complaints from 100 branches representing 12,000 members that their papers had not been received by Hard Dowdy, the London firm of chartered accountants which acts as returning officer.

According to the company, the papers were delayed because of a postal strike and the deadline was extended to last Friday.

But yesterday as the votes from 80 branches had still not been received, counting was under way and no other votes were being considered.

As many of the branches can produce receipts proving that they posted their ballot papers in good time, the union seems poised to be thrown once again into a bitter, costly and time-consuming inquiry.

Last year, against a background of allegations of ballot-rigging and hard-left entryism, Mr Macreadie lost his post as general secretary to his moderate rival, Mr John Ellis, after the Electoral Reform Society discovered that 2,270 union members had been denied a vote in the original ballot which Mr Macreadie had won by 121 votes.

One prominent moderate, Mrs Kate Losinska, a senior vice president, has already claimed that there is evidence that votes have been "farmed" with some branches voting en masse for just one candidate.

## Telecom tackles activists

By a Staff Reporter

British Telecom has weakened the grip of hard-left union members in the militant and powerful City of London district by dismissing one activist and transferring another.

Mr John Deason, a Socialist Workers' Party veteran, was dismissed after the discovery of alleged irregularities in his job application form.

Mr Freddie Clarke, a Workers' Revolutionary Party activist, has been transferred because of his activities during the recent strike by the National Communications Union.

The action against the two men comes after allegations that the extreme left has targeted the City for takeover because of members' apathy in attending union meetings.

Branch members will be asked today to nominate candidates to replace Mr Mick Crowley, the branch chairman, and Mr Manny Elong, secretary, who resigned after alleging that they had been forced out by hard-left opponents.

In his letter of resignation, Mr Crowley says that about ten "political extremists" have gained an increasing and disruptive influence over branch affairs.

## Cliff warning

Somerset police yesterday warned parachutists seeking to join an elite band of low-altitude skydivers known as "base-jumpers" against using cliffs at the Cheddar Gorge for their initiation after the death at the weekend of Mr Michael Gibbard, whose body was found at the foot of the 200 ft cliffs.

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# Nigerian politician in fear of life fights to remain in Britain

The former Nigerian minister who was found drugged in a crate at Stansted Airport three years ago told a hearing yesterday that he had fled his country because he feared for his life.

Mr Umaru Dikko, who has been labelled "Public Enemy Number One" by the present Nigerian government, flew to England three days after a military coup in 1983.

He told an adjudicator at an immigration appeal tribunal in London yesterday: "We were thrown out of office and the persecution began. I was told in very strong terms by friends that they had information that I would be killed. I left for good without even a briefcase."

Soon after he left, his son was detained in Lagos. "He was taken to a maximum security prison even though he was only a student," Mr Dikko said.

The Nigerians want to extradite the former transport minister over claims that he amassed a fortune of £3.520 million, allegedly by fraud.

An attempt to abduct Mr Dikko failed in July 1984 when police found him drugged and unconscious in a packing crate which was about to be flown to Lagos from Stansted Airport, in Essex.

Since then Mr Dikko, aged 51, has been fighting to remain in Britain. He was refused political asylum in 1985. Last year the Home Office refused to renew his visa.

Mr Mark Patey, chief immigration appeals adjudicator, said he had to decide whether Mr Dikko would face "persecution" if he was returned to Nigeria.

Mr Philip Trussler, for the Home Office, said the Secretary of State had not begun extradition proceedings.

Mr Michael Corkery, QC, for Mr Dikko, said that part of the hearing, which is expected to last up to five days, would be held in private.

Mr Corkery recalled evidence given at the trial of four men who were jailed for abducting Mr Dikko. He told the hearing that one of them had been sent to London for the abduction as a "special man" of the then Nigerian president.

Mr Graham Coveyduck, a businessman who spent almost a year in a Nigerian prison and was regarded as a hostage for the return of Mr Dikko, refused to answer any questions when he appeared before the tribunal in private session.

Mr Coveyduck, from Hampshire, who is believed still to have business links

with Nigeria, left after little more than five minutes. He said he had been an unwilling witness and had come only under an order from the adjudicator.

Det Chief Supt Brian Boyce, of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad, who was responsible for bringing Mr Dikko's abductors to trial, was read a piece of evidence from the trial which stated that Mr Dikko would not have been shot on his return to Nigeria had he returned all the money.

Mr Boyce said that could have implied his life was in danger had he not returned all the money.

Mr Boyce told the hearing that "one, maybe two" of those involved in the abduction were never arrested.

Mr Trussler said that the evidence pointed to the fact that Mr Dikko had stolen money.

Mr Dikko, who arrived for the hearing accompanied by his personal bodyguard, said he was confident of winning his appeal against the refusal of Mr Leon Brittan, then Home Secretary, to grant him political asylum in 1985.

The Home Office said yesterday that he had not been granted asylum because he did not meet the United Nations' criteria for refugees.



Mr Henry Davy, of Torbay Borough Council, making last-minute adjustments at the Chelsea Flower Show yesterday to its huge display which took five weeks to build and has 60 plant species. (Photograph: Tim Bishop). Report, page 20.

## British Medical Association conference

# Campaign over junior doctors' hours

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

The British Medical Association has increased its campaign to cut junior doctors' working hours to 72 hours a week.

Speaking at the BMA conference in Sheffield yesterday, Dr Jeremy Wright, said that some junior doctors were working 104 hours a week even though that had been banned by the Department of Health and Social Security.

Dr Wright, chairman of the association's Trent North Hospital junior staffs committee, said that some health authorities had also admitted illegally changing junior doctors' contracts to include extra hours.

In contrast to most people, junior doctors received only a third of the normal hourly rate for working overtime.

"Junior doctors have to provide emergency treatment and make vital life or death decisions and may have been up for 12, 24 or 36 hours without a break", he said. "This is not the best position to be in to make these sort of decisions."

Better rota arrangements and extra cover from senior staff would ease the situation without the need to take on many additional staff.

In 1985 the department sent a circular to health authorities banning one-in-two rotas where doctors are on call for one in every two evenings, and work for more than 102 hours a week. They asked authorities to try to get all doctors on one-in-three rotas where they would work a maximum of 80 hours a week.

Earlier this year, Dr Peter Hawker, the chairman of the BMA's junior hospital doctors committee, said that returns to the Pay Review Body for Doctors and Dentists showed that at least 300 junior doctors were contracted to work for more than 113 hours a week and between 2,500 and 3,000 doctors were working between 102 and 112 hours a week.

Women face more health problems and may be more subject to pressures at work than their male colleagues, a Bupa symposium on Women at Work was told in London yesterday.

Miss Helen Connor, a research fellow at the Institute of Manpower Studies, said that women now made up 43 per cent of the British workforce.

yet employers were still reluctant to provide career break schemes and specific medical services.

Women were spending a greater part of their lives in the labour market and coping with the pressures of combining work and family duties. "Employers must adopt appropriate policies and practices to cater for the health, productivity and efficiency of their female workforces."

Miss Ann Burdus, director of AOB Research and recently appointed vice-chairman of the new Health Education Authority, said that women were subject to stress because they had to operate in a corporate culture which was alien to them. It could make them feel isolated.

# Light plane pilots 'lack training'

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

The collision between two light aircraft over Belgium was causing far more concern in aviation circles yesterday than the "near miss" between a British Airways jumbo and an Alitalia Airbus over Surrey.

The British Airline Pilots' Association was just one of several bodies which rushed to back the safety record and procedures of Britain's air traffic control system. But they expressed concern at the problem of controlling low level private aircraft which had to rely on "see and be seen" rules to keep out of trouble.

The Guild of Air Pilots and Navigators is equally concerned at the apparent lack of training for private pilots.

It is now beginning to look as if the two light aircraft which collided in Belgium did not see each other, perhaps hidden in "blind spots" which are all too common in high wing aircraft.

The accident is bound to lead to new demands for

# ITV refuse to shift news slot

By Jonathan Miller  
Media Correspondent

The Independent Broadcasting Authority refused yesterday to discuss proposals by television advertisers to improve the sinking ratings of the independent television stations.

The advertisers want *News at 10* moved to an earlier time to clear the evening schedule for more appealing programmes, including feature films.

Independent Television News is strongly against the proposal and is supported by most ITV companies.

The IBA said that it was prohibited by law from allowing advertisers to influence either the content or scheduling of programmes. It said: "This is not our view. It is an Act of Parliament."

Advertisers are complaining that the price of airtime, adjusted for the number of people who see the commercials, has been rising five times faster than the general rate of inflation.

Mr Brian Jacobs, media director of Leo Burnett, the advertising agency, said the IBA was out of touch with the problems facing the ITV system, which in April attracted less than 50 per cent of the television audience.

He said by rigorously sticking to an outmoded definition of what constitutes a balanced schedule, the IBA was insisting that the ITV stations put out programmes with low appeal against BBC programmes which are attracting huge audiences by default.

The agency has organized a meeting tonight to rally others around the call for reforms in the way that the ITV stations schedule and promote programmes.

The advertisers want the stations to appoint a single programming and scheduling chief, occupying a role comparable to the BBC's director of programmes who would be charged with reversing ITV's ratings decline.

# Housing prices 'epidemic'

By Christopher Warman  
Property Correspondent

Many estate agents have reported price increases of 5 per cent in the past three months, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors says.

Falling interest rates, confidence among customers, and good weather have "turned the housing market's traditional spring fever into a full scale epidemic", the institution announces today.

It says in its survey for the quarter to the end of April that the figures suggest a continuing buoyant market.

About a third of the 174 agents polled in England and Wales have recorded a 5 per cent increase in house prices, while more than 6 per cent said the rise was 8 per cent. Half report that property in their areas has risen by 2 per cent, while fewer than 1 per cent saw a fall in price.

Mr Peter Miller, for the institution, said: "Uncertainties surrounding the outcome of the general election may cause a lull."

A special survey of the East Midlands suggests that the electrification of the rail link from Grantham and Newark to London is making the area increasingly popular with commuters. Prices are rising faster than the national average, with 45 per cent of agents reporting increases of 5 per cent.

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# QE2 undermanning admitted by Cunard

By Andrew Morgan

Undermanning in the QE2's hotel section was behind some of the customer complaints on her early voyages after a £110 million refit in West Germany, Cunard admitted yesterday.

The company said that staff were put under increased pressure and many were disheartened at being the butt of the passengers' annoyance.

One of the crew, an Austrian waiter, was found hanging aboard the ship during its voyage last week to Tenerife. Early reports linked the death to the pressure of work but Cunard claimed no note was found and the man had a history of depression.

The number of crew was reduced from 790 to 650 after the National Union of Seamen stopped representing the

hotel section when Cunard secured new working arrangements last month.

It was seen as a victory for commercial shipping interests.

On the QE2's first voyage to New York, the crew complement was down to 620 and the low figure prompted a number of letters complaining about slowness in one restaurant.

The NUS claims that Cunard replaced a system operating overtime on an eight-hour day with a 70-hour week. Before, the union said, a steward could earn £7,000 but that had been cut to £3,500, with Cunard adopting the international cruise ship system of offering low wages with the promise of high tips.

# Eurythmics sued over royalties

The record company that took the Eurythmics to pop stardom sued them in the High Court yesterday for alleged unpaid royalties.

Transatlantic Records who took on Annie Lennox and Dave Stewart in 1977, when they were known as The Catch, want the couple to pay royalties due from a management company, Bulltown, which was wound up.

Mr Michael Burton, QC, for

Transatlantic, told Mr Justice Tucker that the dispute started in 1979 when the singer and guitarist, then known as The Tourists, "engineered" a way to try to get out of their contract.

After stopping them with a High Court injunction, the record company settled the matter by selling the recording contract to RCA for £125,000.

It retained the right to a share of the worldwide rights owned by RCA and also a

share of rights in the United States and Canada owned by Bulltown. RCA paid its share to Transatlantic but Bulltown "paid nothing at all".

In October 1981, Bulltown went into liquidation. Neither Miss Lennox, of Stapleton Hall Road, Finsbury Park, north London, nor Mr Stewart, of Albany Road, Finsbury Park, was in court.

They are defending the action, which is expected to last five days.

## Genetic engineering

# Pigs fatten without growth hormones

By Robert Matthews

Genetic engineers have found a way to create pigs as much as 50 per cent heavier than normal without having to give them artificial growth hormones.

Such hormones have caused controversy through fears that they may affect those who eat animals given the compounds.

Now a team working at the department of molecular embryology at the Institute of Animal Physiology, near Cambridge, have found a way to trigger the pig's natural

hormones to boost its growth rate. They do so by altering the genetic sequence in the pig's cellular DNA molecule that gives instructions to cells about how much hormone is to be produced.

The researchers began by searching for the genetic sequence, using the sequence known to be responsible for hormone production in cows as a "crib". Dr Stewart Gilmour, one of the team, said yesterday that the growth sequence for pigs has now been found.

on how the sequence can be used to trigger the extra growth. That could be done by putting into the DNA another genetic sequence which boosts the effect of the hormone sequence, or by simply building extra copies of the hormone sequence into the pig's DNA. Both will result in more hormone being produced.

Either way, the extra sequences would be introduced into the egg of the pig at the time of fertilization. Dr Gilmour said that the researchers hope to have proof that the method will work on

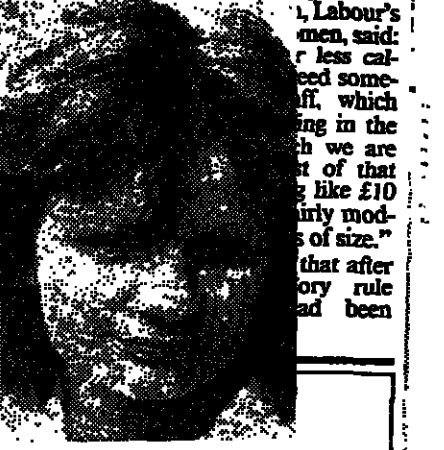
# Portfolio Gold Family to share win by mother try

A housewife and a word processor operator for a firm government of solicitors share the Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mrs Mollie Gunning, 60, of Banbury Road, Oxford, said and women "I have three grown-up children starting out in life and I'm looking forward to share the win opportunities with the family."

Miss Jacqueline Holt, 28, of Ringstead Road, Sutton, Surrey, said she too had been playing the competition since it started. She will be spending some of the money on her home and putting the rest towards a holiday in the Greek islands.

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Miss Holt, who is opting for a Greek island holiday.

# Drunken man fought pilot in Pan Am jet

The captain of a jumbo jet fought with a drunken passenger in the cockpit of his aircraft on a flight to London, magistrates at Uxbridge, west London, were told yesterday.

Norman Stratford, an American, aged 45, forced his way into the control cabin of the Pan Am jet aircraft.

Mr Michael McCabe, for the prosecution, said that the aircraft from San Francisco was over Canada when the fight with the captain, Donald Scott, broke out. Stratford who got dangerously close to the controls, was arrested when the aircraft landed at Heathrow on Saturday night.

Stratford admitted being drunk aboard an aircraft and was fined £150. He told the court that he was a diabetic with a drink problem.



# Alliance manifesto vows 'radical reform for a divided nation'

The Alliance manifesto is the "most radical reform programme in living memory", Dr David Owen and Mr David Steel, said yesterday at its launch in London.

Its aim was to conjure a united, confident, compassionate and competitive nation out of one racked by the miseries of high unemployment, rising crime and crumbling public services.

In government, either alone or in partnership with another party, the Alliance would curb the "Tories' divisive policies and stop the destructive antics of the Labour left."

"Politicians would be forced to listen to each other and work together. The two-party, two-class pantomime would finally be over. It's not an impossible dream. It's closer now than at any time in our history," the two leaders said.

Constitutional reform, the creation of a million jobs in three years, an incomes strategy, a £3.6 million anti-poverty programme, higher spending on health,

education and housing, and an attack on rising crime form the core of a programme that, containing few surprises, would add £19 billion to state spending over five years.

On defence, the Alliance repeats its pledge to freeze Britain's present nuclear capability pending the outcome of global arms talks.

It also gives qualified support to the sale of state assets. Although opposed to the privatization of British Telecom and British Gas, the Alliance will not reverse their disposal. It backs the sale of Rolls-Royce and says that British Steel should be considered as a candidate if its present success is maintained.

But a future Alliance government would not privatize the water authorities or the Central Electricity Generating Board because of safety and environmental factors.

Mr Steel said that electoral reform and the unemployment strategy were not negotiable.

## A charter for change

**Electoral reform:** Under its "great reform charter" the Alliance plans a series of changes to the electoral system and legislation affecting secrecy, confidentiality and human rights. It also promises parliamentary and Whitehall reforms and a measure of devolution to transfer powers to Scotland and Wales and the English regions. Further:

- The "undemocratic" first-past-the-post system would be replaced by proportional representation based on a single transferable vote for all Westminster and local authority elections.
- The Official Secrets Act would be repealed and replaced with freedom of information legislation giving a public right of access to all official information, subject to limited exemptions to protect national security and proper law enforcement and privacy.
- The law on confidentiality would be reformed so that freedom of expression on matters of public interest is not unnecessarily restricted.
- The European Convention on Human Rights and its protocols would be incorporated into a British Bill of Rights.
- Fixed-term parliaments would be introduced, abolishing the right of the prime minister to determine the date of general elections.

## A million jobs in three years

**Jobs and Industry:** The Alliance promises to cut unemployment by a million in three years at a gross cost of £4.8 billion a year, although the real cost would be less because of savings in unemployment benefit and increased tax and national insurance revenues.

People who have been out of work for a year or more and the young would be the two

main target groups for extra help.

A £1.5 billion-a-year programme of building new homes, schools, hospitals and roads would underpin the effort, creating 200,000 jobs.

A cut of a quarter in employers' national insurance contributions, targeted on employment black spots, would act as a recruitment incentive, generating 270,000 new jobs.

A crash programme of education and training, offering new skills to the unskilled unemployed, would create 200,000 places.

Expansion of the health and social services and assistance for the job release scheme would create another 90,000 jobs.

The Alliance also promises to rebuild industry through a new partnership between the government and the private sector.

A Cabinet industrial policy committee would be set up to oversee the formulation of a broad industrial strategy with long-term priorities.

New and small firms would be helped through industrial investment bonds giving a tax-free return to investors and a financial "kickstart" to entrepreneurs.

The tax and administrative burden on small firms would be eased as a part of package of

## £3.6bn plans for the poor

**Poverty:** A programme costing £3.6 billion over two years would be set up to channel extra benefits to pensioners, families with children and the disabled and their relatives.

Of the new money, £1.75 billion would come from extra borrowing and the remainder from increased tax revenues.

- The basic state retirement pension would go up by £2.30 a week for a single person and £3.65 for a married couple.

The poorest pensioners would also get an additional benefit of £3.70 a week for a single person and £5.75 for couples.

- A death grant of £400, recoverable from the deceased's estate, would be introduced.

- Standing charges for gas, electricity and telephones would be abolished for all pensioners.

- Child benefit would go up by £1 a week in the first year of an Alliance administration and by the same amount in the second year.

- A maternity grant of £150 for the first child and £75 for each subsequent one would be brought in.
- Family credit, a benefit for low-income families in work,



## COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

It was fitting that the first of the regular morning press conferences should have been held yesterday by the Alliance. As the party running third in most opinion polls it particularly needs to make an impact in the campaign.

It usually does. In most by-elections during this last Parliament, and in the last general election, the final result was much better than the early polls. Most people are expecting the Alliance to make up some ground during this campaign. But the nature of the whole contest will be much influenced by whether the Alliance can achieve an early advance.

It failed to do so in 1983. After about 10 days of fall campaigning the polls were so discouraging that Mr David Steel summoned a council of war at his home at Etrick

## The Tories need socialism now

Bridge to consider pushing Mr Roy Jenkins into the background and himself becoming the evident leader of the Alliance.

The coup was resisted, but the Alliance did pick up support in the last ten days. Much of it, I believe, came from those who might otherwise have voted Conservative but did not want Mrs Thatcher to have too large a majority.

The Alliance stands to benefit in this way again if the Conservatives go into the last week of the campaign with something like their present lead. But it needs to achieve a sense of momentum much earlier if it is to make a breakthrough. Only then will a number of potential supporters think it worth voting Alliance.

If the polls were putting it consistently ahead of Labour by the halfway stage, the campaign would be transformed. A sense of despair would envelop Labour, but the effect on the Conservatives would also be considerable.

They are very nervous of potential Conservative voters drifting off to the Alliance once it seemed that the main threat no longer came from Labour. Mrs Thatcher may dream of burying socialism, but she needs it to remain very much alive for the next three weeks.

So the critical question for the next 10 days is whether the Alliance, starting from a stronger base than in 1983, can move forward significantly. It will be making the attempt with a campaign that already looks more professional and more carefully calculated than last time.

The main target of its attack will be the Government, as both Mr Steel and Dr Owen confirmed at yesterday's press conference. This has a number of implications.

It may make it harder for the Alliance to attract Conservative waverers, unless the attacks are couched with great care to appeal to those who are worried that Mrs Thatcher may have gone just a bit too far. But it should help to establish the Alliance as being on the left of centre.

That should have a double effect. It should make it easier for the Alliance to win tactical votes from Labour supporters in the many Conservative seats where the Alliance came second in 1983. It would also be an advantage if it is trying

## An SDP-Labour deal is unlikely

to replace Labour in the next Parliament as the principal opposition to the Conservatives. But it would further limit the Alliance's options in a hung Parliament.

If it spends the campaign pointing out all the Government's failings it would then find itself severely inhibited from keeping the Conservatives in office once the election was over.

As there would also be difficulties in the Social Democrats doing a deal with Labour, this would make it hard for the Alliance to do anything constructive if it holds the balance of power. But I have never believed that a hung Parliament would be an attractive prospect for the Alliance.

Its best chance of winning support now is as a more attractive alternative than Labour for those who for one reason or another want to vote against Mrs Thatcher — and if it wants to present itself as the best opposition to her it has to concentrate its fire upon her.

## Tory and Labour programmes today

Mr Norman Tebbit, the party chairman, will launch the Conservative election manifesto from the party's Smith Square headquarters at 11am today and the Labour Party manifesto will be launched by Mr Neil Kinnock and Mr Roy Hattersley at the Queen Elizabeth 2 Hall, Westminster, at 9am.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, will be taking part in a debate on education on the Radio Four Today programme at 7.30am together with Mr Giles Radice and Mr Paddy Ashdown.

Mr Kinnock, Mr Hattersley and Miss Betty Boothroyd will be launching a Midlands rally from Birmingham Town Hall at 7pm.

Mr David Owen will be touring Kent in the morning before attending an Alliance rally in Cambridge, while Mr David Steel will start his day in the Midlands, then fly to Yorkshire and on to East Anglia for interviews with Anglia TV and BBC East.

Health authorities would be empowered to shop around among themselves to find the best and quickest service and to employ more hospital doctors.

Prescription charges would not be increased beyond the rate of inflation.

Preventive health measures would be strengthened and an innovation fund with a budget of £250 million in its first three years would be created.

## Big increase for police

Law and order: Manpower would be increased by 4,000 police officers and 1,000 non-police staff.

There would be special measures to help the old and frail including the free installation of telephones for the country's six million people over the age of 70.

They would also be protected by the free fitting of secure locks.

The total cost of this and other related measures would be £180 million.

Trouble spots would be designated "crime crisis areas" and would qualify for extra officers on the beat, new local police stations and posts, security grants to pay for telephones and locks, more caretakers on estates and better streetlighting.

British Telecom would be put under a legal obligation to keep all public telephones in a state of good repair.

The Alliance would also set up a ministry of justice to strengthen the rights of citizens to legal aid and advice.

A royal commission on the portrayal of violence in the media would be set up.

Steps would be taken to ease prison overcrowding and to promote alternatives to custodial sentences.

## Cash boost for the NHS

Health: The National Health Service budget will be increased so that after five years it is £1 billion higher than at present.

Waiting times for hospital treatment would be cut within the first two years of an

All schools, state and private, would have to publish "indicators" quantifying their academic achievements in the light of the social factors affecting their intakes.

All schools would have to set achievement targets and there would be special inspections of schools regularly falling below par.

There would be summer schools for children from deprived, inner city backgrounds and a national numeracy campaign backed by advertising and television would be established.

The power of parents would be increased by giving them a voice on education committees and other measures.

The Alliance would also create a department of education, training and science to take over much of the work of the Manpower Services Commission.

It would restore negotiating rights to teachers and set up a general teaching council to enhance professional standards.

All children would be entitled to a year's pre-school experience and schools would have full charge of their own budgets.

In higher education, the number of students would be increased by 20 per cent over five years as a first step towards the goal of doubling the intake by the year 2000.

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Labour was "inelectable but that cannot mean that the Conservatives are irreplaceable".

The time had come to make a clean break with the old politics of class conflict and, in a clear dig at Mrs Margaret Thatcher's professed desire to stand for a fourth term, he added: "A healthy democracy of reform demonstrates that the Alliance has not only developed into a believable alternative but a better alternative to going on and on with Thatcherism."

Addressing the first of a series of nightly rallies in Cardiff, the SDP leader said

It was so to speak a return to the land of his medical fathers. Greeting him at the hospital was his uncle, Professor Arthur Watkins, Emeritus Professor of Child Health at the hospital.

Last night, Dr Owen described the Alliance's plans for government as "the most radical reform programme" ever put before an electorate, but claimed that it was "an achievable dream".

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Among the crowded tables of Betty's Tea Room in the heart of York the foreign accents that signal the start of another busy tourist season are already evident in the buzz of conversation.

By the end of the year, 2.5 million visitors will have threaded through the narrow streets of the city.

But behind its confident facade there are problems that will influence the voters and on which all four candidates are concentrating.

It is said that York depends for its livelihood on trains, tourists and chocolate, a way of indicating the importance of employers such as British Rail, the hotel and restaurant trade and confectionery companies such as Rowntree, Terry and Cravens.

According to Mr Tony Bennett, the head of the Labour-controlled council's Economic Development Unit, the city missed the recession of the 1970s, managing to hold on to its traditional industries.

However, throughout the 1980s unemployment has been growing steadily particularly among the young. It now stands at 10.3 per cent, dis-

concertingly high for a city unused to such figures.

The city gives the impression of being a Tory haven, but it was only at the last general election that it became a Conservative seat.

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## Jenkins hopes for Alliance hat-trick in constituency that surprised him

Mr Roy Jenkins was weighing up his chances of scoring a hat-trick in a constituency he was surprised to win in the first place. Much would depend, he thought, on a distaste for monoliths among Glasgow Hillhead voters and whether Tories decided to vote tactically. If Labour defeated him — he was sure there was no threat from anyone else — Glasgow would have 11 Labour members for 11 seats, a monolithic representation many wanted to avoid.

Mr Jenkins was never the sort of MP one would expect to crop up in Glasgow. An urbane, English Welshman of sophisticated and intellectual tastes stands out in a city that still has a gritty, working class, heavily industrial image. The notion that the Tories do not stand a chance in Hillhead is one that Mr Jenkins will be keen to foster. Although he won the seat from the Conservatives, in that historic, mould-breaking by-election of March 1982, it was a change of boundaries rather than poli-



Roy Jenkins: Facing his toughest electoral battle

## CONSTITUENCY PROFILE

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ties that put Hillhead out of Tory reach. The theory is that at the last General Election many Tories voted Alliance simply to keep out Labour.

If Glasgow is to have an odd seat out then Hillhead is the one. It is the most cosmopolitan of all the city's constituencies with prosperous mansions in the north, a busy centre of privately owned, middle-class flatland, and closer to the Clyde, estate tenements that form Labour's strength. Early polls suggest that Labour, who rank Hillhead as their main Scottish target, will win.

Mr Jenkins, cradling a glass of claret in a warming palm, was not so certain. "Obviously it is extremely marginal and at this point in the campaign I always feel as if I'm standing on a diving board with 27 hard

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lengths to go. But unlike so much of the rest of Glasgow this is not a place Labour can expect automatically to win. It could be that election issues in Hillhead take second place to the tactical contest. The Tories have been urged not to be complacent. If they obey and vote for Mr Brian Cooklin, a teacher, that would be as sure as fate let in Mr George Galloway for Labour.

Mr Jenkins paused to consider Mr Galloway, a leading Labour activist in Scotland, former Scottish chairman of the party and a formidable political organizer. He supported Dundee's twinning with the West Bank town of Nablus and having the PLO flag flying over Dundee council chambers. Mr Jenkins said: "He is an effective candidate and an able man but not very

popular with Scottish MPs."

## CONSTITUENCY PROFILE

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H. Bayley (Lab)  
V. Cable (SDP/All)  
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Although unemployment in Hillhead is below either the Glasgow or the Scottish average, Labour will be making it an issue along with conditions on housing estates. The health service could also come in for critical attention. The wider issues of education and defence would also be ammunition to create the slight swing needed to give Labour the seat.

Supporters of Mr Jenkins insist that the Alliance has served Hillhead well and that he has been painstaking in dealing with constituency business. He has succeeded with local campaigns — notably saving the Jordanhill College School as a local area comprehensive.

For the Scottish National Party represented by Mr William Kidd, a council housing officer, Hillhead is barren ground for SNP arguments.

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But behind its confident facade there are problems that will influence the voters and on which all four candidates are concentrating.

It is said that York depends for its livelihood on trains, tourists and chocolate, a way of indicating the importance of employers such as British Rail, the hotel and restaurant trade and confectionery companies such as Rowntree, Terry and Cravens.

According to Mr Tony Bennett, the head of the Labour-controlled council's Economic Development Unit, the city missed the recession of the 1970s, managing to hold on to its traditional industries.

However, throughout the 1980s unemployment has been growing steadily particularly among the young. It now stands at 10.3 per cent, dis-

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● Labour morale ● Conservatives lead ● Help for women ● Kinnock's boast **ELECTION 87 X**

## Ethnic vote to play crucial role in key city marginals

Mr Neil Kinnock arrives in Birmingham today to launch Labour's general election campaign and attempt to raise the party's flagging morale in key West Midlands marginals.

A regional Marplan poll last month put the Conservatives 21 per cent ahead and heavy losses in the local elections show declining support for Labour in a region that many believe will decide the election.

However, a new Harris poll for London Weekend Television showed the Conservatives only 2 per cent ahead of Labour in 92 key marginals.

But Labour is still anxious about the fate of four of its marginals which would fall to the Tories with a swing of under 1 per cent.

The party has a majority of only 231 in Birmingham, Erdington, 298 in West Bromwich, East, 702 in Walsall, South, and 214 in Wolverhampton, North East, where Mrs Renee Short, the veteran Labour MP, is stepping down after 23 years.

All four Labour seats are now firmly on the target list of the Conservatives, who are now more confident of holding the Birmingham seats of Northfield and Yardley, which have majorities of nearly 3,000 each.

They believe the party can now advance from the suburbs into the inner cities, where there are large black and Asian communities, hitherto regarded as Labour's for the taking.

Ten per cent of the 2.5 million people in the huge conurbation stretching from Birmingham to Wolver-



Mr Robin Corbett, defending a fragile majority

hampton have Afro-Caribbean or Asian backgrounds.

Opponents are convinced that internal strife over outlawed "black sections" and the strident voice of black activists are costing Labour votes.

In two Birmingham constituencies held with larger Labour majorities, the Conservatives are venturing to field their own ethnic candidates.

Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, who is defending a 10,548 majority in Birmingham, Sparkbrook, faces Mr Nazir Khan, a super-market owner.

In Birmingham, Perry Barr, the Conservatives are fielding Mr John Taylor, aged 34, a black barrister who is the party's first Afro-Caribbean parliamentary candidate.

Mr Taylor is the son of the late Derf Taylor, the West Indian test cricketer, and is a councillor in "true blue" Solih-

ull, the Birmingham stock-broker belt.

He is seeking to overturn the 7,402 majority of Mr Geoff Rooker, the Labour MP and front bench housing spokesman.

Mr Taylor said: "The majority of West Indians and Asians are moderate, yet the only black voices they hear are those of Sharon Atkin and Linda Bellos.

"Perhaps for the first time they are seeing in me an Afro-Caribbean presenting a reasonable, moderate face."

Labour's inability so far to turn unemployment into a winning issue in a region which has suffered more job losses than any other has allowed its opponents to concentrate on the "loony left" and militant black activists.

In Birmingham, a black councillor has been ousted from the moderate Labour group for supporting black sections. And in Wolverhampton, the Labour group suffered heavy losses after pledging up to £10,000 to the family of a young black man who died while being arrested.

Mr Robin Corbett, who is defending Labour's fragile majority in Erdington, said he was quietly confident.

But, he said: "Analysis of the local election results showed that the turnout in wards with more than 21 per cent unemployment was below 40 per cent. The sad fact is that the jobsless will not turn out and vote for the chance of getting a job."

Mr Peter Snape, the chairman of the West Midlands Group of Labour MPs, is also extremely vulnerable in West Bromwich, East.

He said: "There is total mystification about the opinion polls that put us so far behind. That is certainly not coming across on the doorstep where we are getting a very enthusiastic response."

Dr Colin Phipps, chairman of the SDP's West Midlands council, conceded that Birmingham and the Black Country were difficult areas.

Although he regards the Labour vote as "weak and volatile" the only seat on the Alliance has set its sights on Birmingham, Hall Green, held by Sir Reginald Eyre for the Conservatives with a 9,373 majority.

Although Labour were second in the 1983 election, the Liberal-Alliance candidate was a close third.



Mr John Taylor, "a reasonable, moderate face", who could become the Conservatives' first Afro-Caribbean MP

## Labour promises women's ministry

By Richard Evans

A new Ministry for Women to be set up under a Labour Government would deploy special units in every Whitehall department to further sex equality, it was disclosed yesterday.

The department, with a four-strong ministerial team, would cost about £10 million a year and be staffed by 300 civil servants — mostly women. It would be headed by a secretary of state with a seat in the Cabinet and representation on all key Cabinet committees.

Mr Neil Kinnock, officially launching Labour's election campaign yesterday, confirmed that while ministers and staff would be chosen on merit there would be positive discrimination towards women.

The ministry would also make other government departments promote women's equality. "Government departments responsible for promoting policies on sex equality vary widely in their awareness of the needs of women... After consultation with the women's ministry, women's units will be set up in all government departments," a policy document said.

The ministry would aim to:

equality in all government departments.

● Tackle discrimination faced by minority ethnic women, lesbians and women with disabilities.

● Give positive backing for the Equal Opportunities Commission.

● Set up and oversee regional units for itself and the EOC.

● Use government contracts, services and funding to promote sex equality.

Contract compliance would play a key role in central government's sex equality programmes, with a special contract compliance unit being set up by the Department of Employment to ensure that only firms operating within "specified equality guidelines" were offered public sector contracts.

Ms Jo Richardson, Labour's spokesperson on women, said: "We have more or less calculated we would need something like 300 staff, which would include staffing in the regional units which we are proposing. The cost of that would be something like £10 million. That is a fairly modest ministry in terms of size."

Mr Kinnock said that after eight years of Tory rule women's rights had been eroded.

## Labour 'on course for a landslide'

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

Labour is on course for a landslide victory to rival its 1945 general election triumph, Mr Neil Kinnock said yesterday.

His claim, which came after the latest opinion poll showing the Conservatives still retaining a 10 point lead, came as he addressed Labour parliamentary candidates in Scotland where the party holds 41 of the 72 seats.

Mr Kinnock, speaking in Glasgow a few hours after launching Labour's election campaign, said: "The spirit in Scotland clearly is marvellous. It is going to mean in this country gains going beyond even the levels of 1945."

With Labour having managed to focus the issues and get its agenda of jobs, health care, education and pensions across

to people, polls in the past few days had shown Labour improving in the marginal seats not only in Scotland but also in England and Wales.

"We have been catching, have caught and are overtaking the Tories and right across Britain we are going to sweep to power."

Mr Kinnock is placing faith in a weekend opinion poll which showed Labour narrowing the gap in some key marginal constituencies.

But Mr Kinnock tempered his confident prediction with a warning to electors not to vote tactically. He asked those considering "rolling the tactical voting dice" to pay heed to the experience of 1983 when in the last couple of days people had voted tactically in a crude effort to prevent the onrush of Thatcherism.

## Labour to raise R&D spending

The Labour Party yesterday promised extra money for scientific research but dodged questions about the precise size of its commitment.

Dr Jeremy Bray, the party's science and technology spokesman, launching a manifesto for science signed by 29 academics, said at a London press conference figures were only "consultative" so far. But it was disclosed later that he is seeking a rise from the present £7,400 billion a year to £10,100 billion after the fourth year of a Labour Government.

The Government spends £2.1 billion on civil R&D and £2.4 billion of military R&D. Private industry spends £7.8 billion on the civil front and £60 million on defence projects. Dr Bray said the Government and industry were lagging behind investment in the civil field by Britain's competitors. He said that Labour would "increase support for industrial research and development by raising incentives for R&D programmes".

## Alliance money pours in

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

The Alliance election campaign has received a £100,000 boost from the first of a series of appeals to party members.

Enough money has been raised for them to begin putting together a national advertising campaign.

The mail shot went out last Tuesday to 95,000 SDP members and supporters. By Friday, campaign headquarters in Cowley Street, SW1 had received 8,000 cheques.

Before the appeal, Alliance planners were saying that they lacked the funds to mount a press and poster exercise.

The Alliance has a central campaign budget of around £2 million, most of which has been earmarked. The Conservatives, backed by a war chest of around £6 million, launched a £1 million series of press advertisements at the weekend, plus a poster campaign.

## Fowler on the offensive over Health Service

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Conservative Party moved last night to repel an expected general election campaign onslaught by Labour on the health service.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, went on the offensive over the last Labour government's record on the NHS, and said that a strong economic policy was essential to make progress in health policy.

Labour's campaign on health took the public for fools, he said. The Conservatives had inherited from Labour the highest waiting lists in the history of the health service, a shattered hospital building programme, and a

service which had been through a period of unparalleled chaos, with patient care breaking down as pickets took over from doctors.

Mr Fowler's attack came after the findings of private opinion polls for the Conservatives which show that the health service is becoming one of the most important general election issues.

He said the Conservatives had inherited a health service budget of £7.75 billion and increased it to £21 billion. The service was providing a record amount of patient care, waiting lists had come down, and the hospital building programme was at a record level.



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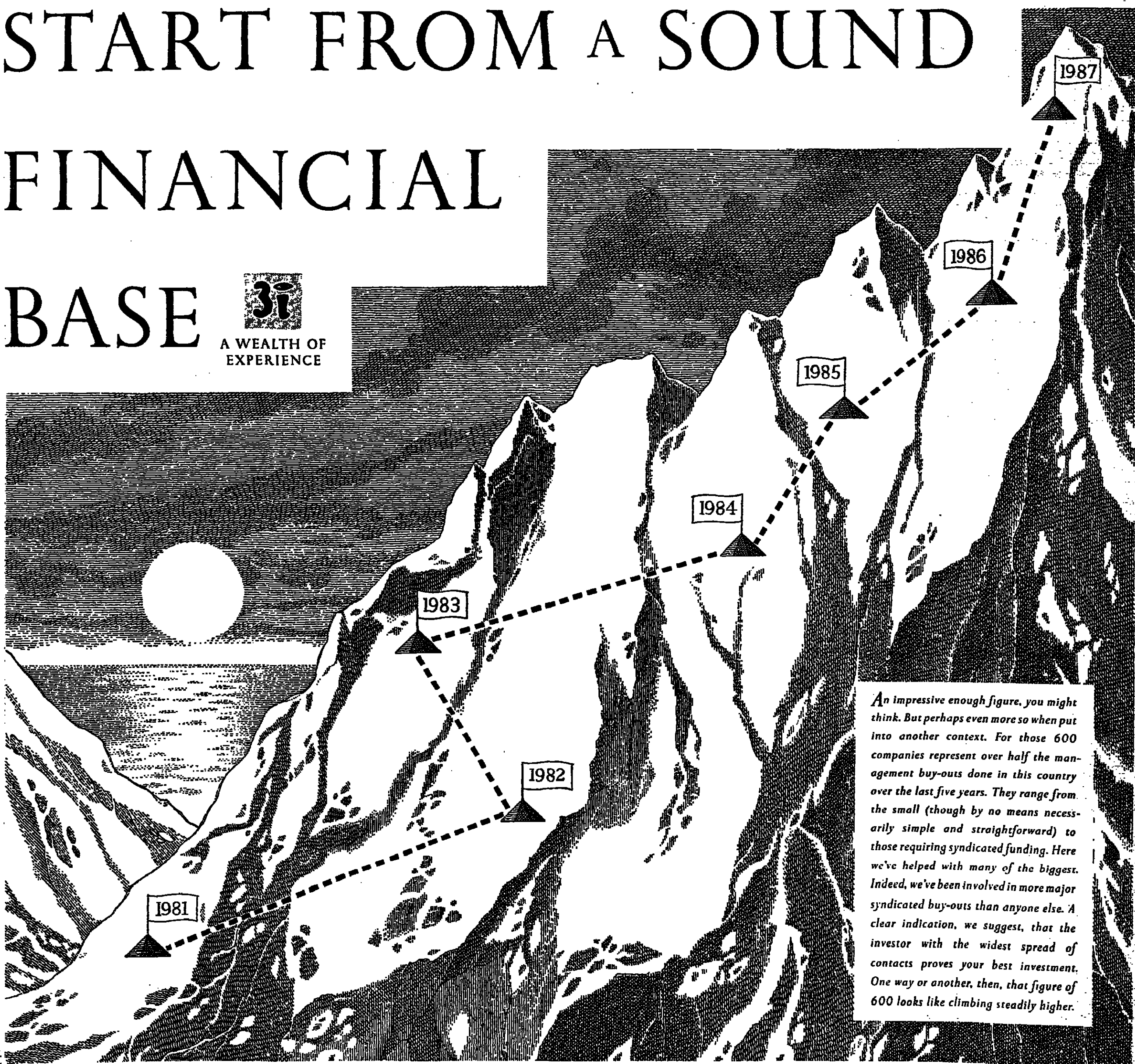


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WORLD SUMMARY

## Farmers to march against price cuts

Brussels — An estimated 10,000 European farmers will march on the Council of Ministers building in Brussels today in an attempt to ensure that EEC farm ministers meeting inside do not give in to pressure and agree to drastic farm price cuts designed to reform the common agricultural policy (Richard Owen writes).

The Commission argues that price cuts are vital if food mountains are to be reduced. It says the package, which includes price cuts of up to 15 per cent on cereals and 5 per cent on fruit and vegetables, would save £3 billion over two years.

The 1987 farm price package should have gone into effect on April 1. As the farm ministers began what is likely to be a final marathon bargaining session yesterday, Belgium put forward a compromise that would result in price freezes rather than price cuts.

## China fire still rages

Peking — China's worst forest fire in 40 years continued to rage out of control for the 11th day in Heilongjiang province yesterday, as reinforcements were called in to help 34,000 firefighters and 150 aircraft battle the conflagration near the Sino-Soviet border (Robert Grievess writes).

The cities of Tahe and Mohe, in the extreme north-eastern tip of China, both with populations of 100,000, were evacuating their residents. Officials in Peking said the death toll had gone above 200.

## Beirut assassination

Beirut — Gunmen in a car yesterday shot dead Mr Hassan Hamdan, an official of Lebanon's main but active Communist Party (Juan Carlos Garmundo writes). No group claimed responsibility for the attack, the latest in a series against party members in west Beirut.

At least five leading Communist Party members have been killed in similar attacks since February, following a bloody confrontation between left-wing forces and the Shia Muslim Amal militia. The assassination was seen as yet another challenge to Syrian efforts to restore law and order in west Beirut, but the Syrian commander, Brigadier-General Ghazi Kanaana, claimed a network of small-time bombers had been totally dismantled.

## Threat to Kurdish battles

Nairobi — Kenya is seeking the return from Scandinavia of some dissident politicians, including two former MPs, the Foreign Minister, Mr Elijah Mwangale, said on his return from a visit there and to Britain (Alastair Matheson writes).

He said Kenya would take a tougher attitude towards "the few disgruntled individuals waging a dirty and malicious campaign against Kenya in Europe. We have got to find a way of waging total war against them."

## Actor's coup de vase

Paris — Jean-Pierre Léaud, right, better known to cinema enthusiasts as Antoine Doinel, Truffaut's brooding hero, was yesterday given a three-month suspended sentence after being convicted of attacking his 80-year-old neighbour, Mme Yvonne Tradié, with a pot of geraniums (Diana Geddes writes).

A psychiatric report read in court said that the actor, aged 43, had been depressed by Truffaut's death.

## Garrisons attacked

Paramaribo, Surinam (Reuters) — Army troops at two garrisons in eastern Surinam are under siege by guerrillas, and the former Surinamese President Henk Chin-A-Sen, a key rebel supporter, has returned from exile in the Netherlands, the official Surinam News Agency reported yesterday.

SNA director Lieutenant Edward Demees said the army had suffered no casualties at Moengo and Albina, which have been under attack since last week. He denied reports that troops at Moengo have been cut off.

# Lawyers threaten angry silence as Barbie sulks

From Michael McCarthy Lyons

A closed-circuit television link with the prison cell of Klaus Barbie was demanded yesterday by a lawyer in the trial of the former Gestapo chief, whose withdrawal from the proceedings here is continuing to provoke angry protests.

Other barristers threatened to put on a dumb show at the bar of the court unless Barbie returns.

As the trial entered its second week nearly two hours were devoted to further argument about his absence and whether he should be forced to attend, and the question is now threatening to overshadow the trial itself.

Two senior barristers representing a woman whose father was tortured to death and whose "sole reason for living" has been to confront Barbie face to face, announced that they had been instructed by her, in the event of his continuing non-appearance, to use the time allotted to them to remain silent on their feet before the court. Other forms of protest are expected.

Barbie, aged 73, dropped out of his trial at the Lyons Palais de Justice last Tuesday, as French law allows him to do, and returned to his cell at the city's St Joseph prison. Yesterday he formally refused to



appear for the fourth consecutive day.

When news of this was brought to the court, Maître Charles Korman, representing the International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism, protested that Barbie's absence was denying the plaintiffs, as well as the judges and jury, the fundamental right to put questions to the accused. "The court must nevertheless find a way," he said, asking for a closed-circuit TV link with Barbie in his cell. "Then we can watch him for question after question, to see if he replies, and how he replies."

The trial had become "completely

Karl Ulrich, left, and Heinrich Bunke, right, after being sentenced to four years in prison yesterday for the so-called "mercy killings" under the Nazis of more than 15,000 physically and mentally handicapped people.

Ulrich, aged 73, and Bunke, aged 72, both doctors, were convicted of being accessories to murder at the Brandenburg and Bernburg concentration camps after a trial in Frankfurt which lasted 15 months (AP reports).

Ulrich was found guilty of helping to put to death at least 4,500 patients during the so-called "Euthanasia Action" carried out by the Nazis in 1940 and 1941. Bunke was convicted of involvement in the deaths of at least 11,000 people during the same period.



perverted", said Maître Korman, characterizing Barbie's withdrawal as "pure robbery" — an *unverifiable hold-up* — taking people's freedom away.

The succeeding protest was chilling rather than legalistic and it came from a 63-year-old widow, Mme Nicole Gompel, whose father, Professor Marcel Gompel, a Jewish member of the Resistance, was allegedly tortured to death at the hands of Barbie in February 1944, an action representing one of the five "crimes against humanity" with which Barbie is charged by the French state. (Mme Gompel retook her father's surname in widowhood.)

Gompel intends to confront Barbie, to face him down and question him looking into his eyes.

"If Barbie is still absent from the proceedings when the facts relative to Professor Gompel's liquidation are brought up, Mme Gompel has instructed her counsel, Maître Alain Fédor and Maître Christian Bournazol, to use the time allotted to them for their speeches to observe the most total silence as a protest."

Judge André Cerdini retired to consider the question of forcing Barbie to attend, but as on Friday gave his opinion that his presence was not necessary "at least in the present circumstances". He made no reference to Maître Korman's demand for a closed-circuit TV link with Barbie's cell.

At the opening of the day's session another barrister, Maître Pierre Coudy, representing former Resistance organizations, announced to the court that for the last fortnight there had been a campaign of death threats, threatening telephone calls and anonymous insulting letters waged against the prosecuting counsel.

A large number of the 129 individual plaintiffs and 40 lawyers representing them have received insulting or threatening communications of one sort or another.

## Another white murdered by hunted gang in Zimbabwe

From Jan Raath, Harare

A white farmer was gunned down by anti-government guerrillas in Zimbabwe's Midlands province yesterday, the fifth to be murdered in the area in eight days.

Farming union officials said Mr Roy Dabbs, aged 29, was ambushed and killed in cold blood near the dairy on his estate, Rancho Farm, about 14 miles west of the city of Gweru around 8.30 am.

His wife, Angela, aged about 20, who was slightly hurt in the shooting, was later assaulted by the gang of four.

The officials said one of the gang told her he was Gwasela, the notorious renegade who on May 9 claimed responsibility for the murders of four white farmers in an attack on a rural club at Sonabula, about 30 miles south of Rancho Farm.

Gwasela, believed to be a mixed-race former Rhodesian soldier who deserted from the Army after independence in 1980, and his gang, are believed to have killed 70 people, including at least seven white farmers, all of the latter in the past two years.

The small farming community yesterday reacted with rage and incredulity at the man's audacity.

After the Sonabula incident, one of the biggest manhunt in the country's history was set on Gwasela's spoor, running north-west into the nearby Nkayi communal land.

A massive force of troops and police was deployed from the opposite direction to trap

him in his known haunts.

The elusive renegade, however, appears to have doubled back and struck where he was least expected.

The officials said Mr Dabbs and his wife were driving about two miles from their homestead when a group of four armed men, standing in the middle of the road, opened fire on their vehicle, stopping it.

"They took him out the car and threw the milkcans of the back of the truck, spilling the milk all over the road. They asked him if he had a gun, and he said he had, although it was at the homestead," a farmer close to the family said.

"They told him if he had a gun, he was at war with them. Then they shot him dead, and propped his body up against the milkcans."

Mrs Dabbs was then marched back to the farm-house, where the gang found her husband's rifle. They left with it, telling her they had no quarrel with her.

The incident was reported shortly afterwards by the driver of a stockfeed delivery truck who found Mr Dabbs's body — still in the middle of the road.

Sources said the area was "crawling" with military reaction units.

The seriousness with which the Government is treating the series of murders was reflected on Saturday when the National Joint Operational Command moved from Harare to meet in Gweru, with two security ministers present.

## Achille Lauro hijackers seek leniency



The hijackers of the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro sitting behind bars when they appeared in a Genoa court yesterday to appeal against sentences imposed last year. Youssef Magied al-Molqui, left, a 24-year-old Palestinian, got 30 years for hijacking and taking part in the murder of an American passenger, Mr Leon Klinghoffer. Ibrahim Fatayer Abdelatif, 21, a Lebanese received a 24-year sentence for the 1985 hijacking and hostage-taking.

## Lima chaos as troops replace police

From Christopher Thomas Lima

Troops swarmed into the centre of Lima early yesterday, setting up road blocks and carrying out random checks of identity papers as thousands of police defied a government order to end an illegal strike.

A desperately overcrowded city became a nightmare of traffic chaos when army baricades were erected across a maze of roads and back streets in a wide area around the presidential palace.

An official communiqué accused the police of mutiny and warned that the Government could not be held responsible

for any clashes between them and the armed forces.

President Garcia was trying to defuse the crisis in talks with labour leaders yesterday. But the police action has coincided with a general strike for today called by Peru's largest labour confederation. This is expected to get overwhelming support in the capital.

Schools in Lima and its port of Callao have been closed out of fears for the safety of the children in such a tense, confrontational atmosphere.

Leaders of the striking policemen reached outline agreement for a settlement on Sunday but rank-and-file

members rejected this. They want an 800 per cent increase in basic pay and a 900 per cent rise in danger money because of stepped-up attacks on the police by drug dealers and the Shining Path terrorist group. The Government has warned that the police will be fired unless they end the stoppage.

The military has assumed full responsibility for public order since Friday, when most of the civil guards, the main uniformed police branch, walked out. But yesterday the troop presence was significantly increased.

The official communiqué said that the Army would use whatever force was considered

"suitable" to maintain law and order. It accused the police of timing their stoppage to coincide with today's general strike.

One of the most bloody guerrilla wars on the continent of Latin America and severe economic problems have presented President Garcia with his greatest political crisis since coming to power two years ago.

His support in Lima, where a third of the population of 20 million live, has been particularly damaged by the new Shining Path tactic of mounting an endless string of bomb attacks and assassinations in the capital.

## Arias puts Nicaragua peace plan

By Andrew McEwen Diplomatic Correspondent

President Arias of Costa Rica yesterday called on Britain to support his peace plan for Nicaragua and to use its influence with its Central American neighbours and with Washington.

In an interview with *The Times* at the start of his official visit to Britain, he said that the support of this country and other European nations was essential to his chances of success.

His plan, which relies on the creation of genuine democracy in Nicaragua to bring an end to the war with the American-backed Contras, is to be discussed at a regional summit next month.

President Arias is to meet the Presidents of El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua at Esquipulas in Guatemala on June 25 and 26.

He hopes that shortly before the meeting the EEC foreign ministers will declare their support for his plan. He has already secured the backing of Spain and Portugal, which he visited before arriving in London, for a proposition that the plan should be discussed by the Twelve.

President Arias had a meeting yesterday with Lady Young, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, and will see Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, today.

Sir Geoffrey is expected to give moral and political support to the Arias plan. Whitehall sources indicated. He will also support the proposal that it should be discussed at an EEC foreign ministers' meeting, but will emphasize that it is for Belgium, which holds the presidency, to decide.

## Botha to reinforce hardline policies

From Michael Hornsby Cape Town

President Botha is expected to make a hardline speech when he opens the South African Parliament today, offering little encouragement to those at home or abroad looking for signals that the Government might pursue a more reformist tack now the general election is behind it.

A foretaste of what seems likely to be the tenor of President Botha's address was offered yesterday by his namesake, Mr Stoffel Botha, the Minister of Home Affairs, who announced that the Government's decision to expel the BBC and ITN television correspondents, Mr Mike Burk and Mr Peter Sharp, would not be changed.

Last Friday the British Ambassador, Sir Patrick Moberly, had a half-hour meeting with Mr Botha at which he requested that the decision be reconsidered, arguing that the two correspondents had at all times acted in good faith and had not knowingly breached South African censorship.

A statement issued by Mr Gerrie van Zyl, the Director-General of Home Affairs, said that Mr Botha "has, once again, carefully considered all the facts at his disposal, but decided that he is not prepared to deviate from his original decision not to extend the validity of their temporary work permits."

Mr Sharp's permit expires next Friday and Mr Burk's next Monday. An American journalist, Mr Steve Mufson, who reports for *Business Week* among other publications, will also have to leave the country this week. Strong protests by the American Embassy failed to get his work permit renewed.

"We find the Government's attitude very disappointing and deplorable, and it is likely to lead to further adverse criticism in Britain," a British Embassy spokesman said. "We would at least hope that the BBC and ITN will be allowed to send in replacement correspondents."

There is speculation that President Botha will today announce new measures against the press, which is already subject to severe restraints imposed under the national state of emergency, in force since June 12 of last year.

South African journalists working for foreign publications, who as South African citizens do not need a work permit, are thought to be among the Government's possible targets.

It is also possible that new press regulations may be announced to end the legal

confusion created by a judgement of the Natal Division of the Supreme Court on April 24 which quashed curbs on the reporting and filming of unrest and security force action.

The state appealed against the judgement and maintains that the curbs are still valid.

Recent hints dropped by President Botha also suggest that he may announce moves to prohibit extra-parliamentary opposition organizations, including trade unions and church and academic groups, from receiving foreign funding. This would be a debilitating blow to many of them.

On the reform front, Mr Botha is expected to say little other than to reaffirm his determination to press ahead with the setting-up of a "National Council" on which black leaders would be invited to sit to discuss the future constitution of the country.

## Court rejects plea by white ANC woman

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

Marion Sparg, the former white journalist jailed for 20 years for treason last year after bomb attacks on police stations, was yesterday refused leave to appeal against the sentence by the Appeal Court.

Sparg was the first white woman to be convicted as a member of the military wing of the outlawed African National Congress.

Meanwhile, in their daily "raucous report" yesterday, the police said a house in the Bekkedad black township near Westonaria, about 30 miles south-west of Johannesburg, was slightly damaged in an explosion. They said "com-

mmercial explosives" were used. Last week a blast at a white school in Johannesburg was also said by the police to have been caused by "commercial explosives".

It was also revealed that at least one youth was killed and 12 injured, one critically, when police opened fire at a memorial service for a community leader in the KwaMashu township, near Durban.

The police said they fired shotguns to disperse a crowd after a patrol was stoned. Three more blacks were killed and two seriously wounded after a Sunday evening shoot-out, apparently between rival Johannesburg gangs.

## New York gets back its rubbish

From Charles Bremner New York

Long Island's ill-fated rubbish barge hove into New York harbour over the weekend after plying the southern seas for nearly two months in a vain search for a home for its 3,100 tons of refuse.

Hundreds of spectators and squadrons of flies turned out in the early summer heat to watch the tug Break of Dawn cast anchor off Brooklyn.

Back exactly where it started after a 5,000-mile odyssey that brought rejection from six states and three countries, the pariah barge, skippered by Mr Duffy St Pierre, is now caught in legal limbo.

There is no approved dock in Islip which can accept the rubbish, and New York City balked at the notion of it being driven through the streets to the newly enlarged dump on Long Island. A judicial order was issued on Sunday to delay any unloading.

"We are treating the garbage like Germany treated Lenin," said Mr Edward Koch, New York's Mayor, drawing a comparison with the sealed train that took Lenin through Germany back to Russia during the First World War.

The Mayor wants guarantees on the method of transport before allowing any docking or unloading.

Captain St Pierre, who has become something of a national hero, says he is becoming a desperate man.

"If New York City doesn't take it, maybe we could give it to Gadafi," he said in a rich Louisiana drawl.

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## Military allow Governor to broadcast demands for restoration of democracy

# Hint of a compromise deal emerges on Fiji's radio

From Stephen Taylor  
Suva

The crisis in Fiji took a series of baffling and bizarre twists yesterday as both the Governor-General and the military leaders of last week's coup effectively claimed to be in control.

Despite these irreconcilable statements, a way out of a perilous constitutional impasse seemed to be emerging. But the implications for Fijian democracy remain confusing.

In a dramatic, totally unexpected announcement, Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, the Governor-General, said on Radio Fiji that it was constitutionally impossible for him to recognize the legitimacy of the Council of Ministers appointed by the military regime.

He followed this by ordering the regime to free the detained government of Dr Timoci Bavadra, to lift press censorship and to dismantle the regime's administration "as soon as it is possible to assume a quick return to parliamentary democracy".

Ratu Ganilau concluded his broadcast to Fijians by reading a message he had received from Buckingham Palace. "The Queen wishes you to

know," it said, "how much she admires your stand as her personal representative in Fiji and the guardian of the constitution. Her Majesty is following developments with the closest attention and hopes that you will keep us in touch. We are here to help in any way we can."

The fact that these statements were broadcast and repeated at half-hourly intervals on a radio station controlled by the military

Canberra — Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister, yesterday continued to rule out military intervention in Fiji, but is holding five naval ships on stand-by to evacuate Australians in the event of violence (AFP reports).

indicated that they had been approved by Lieutenant-Colonel Sitiveni Rabuka, the coup leader, and that the military might be preparing to back down.

Throughout yesterday tension had been rising dangerously. Security deteriorated as sporadic protests broke out around the city and at places of detention. A campaign of civil disobedience brought Fiji to a virtual standstill.

According to reports monitored here, the New Zealand

Government has offered Fijian troops now in Lebanon help in returning to Fiji if they wished. The Fijian Army's commander-in-chief, Brigadier-General Ratu Epeli Nailatikau, is in Australia, while more than 40 other Fijian officers are undergoing training in New Zealand.

Soon after Ratu Ganilau's statement yesterday, however, Fijians heard on their radios that the Governor-General had actually sworn in Colonel Rabuka as chairman of the Council of Ministers on Sunday evening. According to this statement, the Governor-General would swear in the Council of Ministers today.

This bolt from the blue appeared to run directly counter to the Governor-General's earlier statement.

However, given the unequivocal nature of Ratu Ganilau's stated position and his stature as one of Fiji's traditional chiefs — a standing which analysts believe Colonel Rabuka could not defy — it may be the announcements are part of an evolving compromise.

In his only personal broadcast yesterday, Colonel Rabuka made no reference to his government or his authority. He confined his

remarks to a plea for peace, a prayer as a Christian and an assurance to the 350,000-strong Indian community that he understood their anxieties.

Unconfirmed reports said that Colonel Rabuka had softened his stand over the weekend because of the threat of widespread disorder.

It now appears that Ratu Ganilau did indeed swear in Colonel Rabuka on Sunday and that soon afterwards he was visited at home by anxious judicial leaders who included Sir Timoci Tuivaga, the Chief Justice, and Mr Richard Kearsley, a fellow judge.

Mr Kearsley said some judges had heard talk of the Governor-General possibly accepting a constitution put together by the military regime. "We have advised his Excellency that in no circumstances can he do any such thing. The illegal regime has no authority to enact a word of law. The Governor-General has a clear duty to abide by the constitution of Fiji."

In the end — and whatever else he may have done in allegedly administering the oath of allegiance and the oath of office to the man who has been dubbed "Rambo" Rabuka — the Governor-General left his allegiance to the



Members of Fiji's 350,000 Indian population, which dominates the islands' commerce, boarding up their businesses in fear of violence after last week's military coup.

constitution in no doubt.

He said: "The regime has now agreed that I have executive authority and has urged me to remain as your Governor-General. That being said, it is constitutionally impossible for me to recognize the legitimacy of the Council

of Ministers which the regime has appointed or to recognize the validity of any decrees which it may issue. I have made that very clear to the leader.

"I am also advised that, if I resigned my office, public disorder would follow. As her

Majesty's representative, I would do that only with great reluctance. But if my executive authority were neutralized in any way, I would act immediately. In the meantime as the Chief Executive I have directed the regime:

- To dismantle its organization as soon as it is possible to assume public order and a quick return to parliamentary rule.

- To restore free press and radio communications in Fiji and, if it exists, to lift any form of censorship of those media.

- To release all people detained under the present emergency.

- To withdraw to barracks all those armed personnel not required for the maintenance of public security."

Developments today, specifically the swearing in of the Council of Ministers, will be crucial to the future of Fiji. While it is now being suggested that such a council could act as an interim administration, prior to a return to democratic rule, it is arguable whether Lieutenant-Colonel Rabuka, once his administration had been granted some legitimacy, would give up control of the country.

Neither of Fiji's newspapers will be published today. The *Fiji Sun* declared outright that it would not submit to censorship, and after discussions with officials at the Information Department, the management of the *Fiji Times* followed suit.

## Uganda queues for new money

Kampala (Reuters) — Thousands of people queued to change old money for new throughout Uganda yesterday at the start of a 10-day operation to introduce a "heavy" shilling, worth 100 old ones, in measures to rebuild a shattered economy.

President Museveni announced the reform as part of a drive to restore the economy after years of civil strife.

The measures also include a devaluation and loan agreements with the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

The Government is levying a 30 per cent tax on all monies now being converted in an attempt to reduce the money supply.

Banks and more than 500 government offices throughout Uganda suspended normal business to issue the new currency.

Many banks opened late as staff made ready to receive bundles of old notes, while troops were assigned to escort consignments of the new currency to north Uganda, where rebel guerrillas are active.

## Not guilty plea

Vienna (AP) — Two Palestinians, who have been tentatively identified as Tawfik ben Chaoual, aged 27, and Mongi ben Saadouni, aged 28, pleaded not guilty in court yesterday to killing two Austrians and attempting to murder 87 other people in a terrorist attack at Vienna airport in December 1985.

## Out of action

Hanover (Reuters) — The Brockdorf nuclear power station in the north of West Germany, which went into operation last October and shut down after a generator leak on May 1, broke down again when workers tried to restart the system at the weekend and caused a short circuit in the generator.

## Crush deaths

Ile-Ife, Nigeria (AFP) — Three students died in the crush when about 4,000 students crammed into a 1,000-seat stadium to watch a university beauty contest.

## Big mouthful

Carcacia, Spain (Reuters) — Villagers celebrating a festival in this northern Spanish village have brought in a crane to turn a 2,000lb potato omelette which they fried in a giant pan using 5,000 eggs.

## French presidential race

# Communists pick wily hardliner

From Diana Geddes, Paris

At a time when the French Communist Party is facing the worst crisis in its 67-year history, M Georges Marchais, its General Secretary, announced yesterday that the party's powerful Politburo had chosen M André Lajoinie, aged 57, the parliamentary Communist group leader, as its candidate for the 1988 presidential elections.

The choice of M Lajoinie, who is considered a "moderate hardliner" will now be put for approval to the party's Central Committee, or parliament, currently meeting in Paris, before being endorsed formally by a national conference of party militants on June 12.

M Marchais announced his own decision not to stand again as presidential candidate shortly after the Communists' disastrous showing in the March 1986 general election, when the party won 9.8 per cent of the vote, its lowest score in 50 years.

However, M Marchais, who has come in for increasing criticism ever since the party began its apparently inexorable decline a decade ago, has made it clear that he has no intention of giving up the leadership of the party, a post he has held for the past 15 years.

Inevitably, much will depend on how M Lajoinie fares in the presidential elections due to be held in a year's time. At the moment, all the signs are that the Communists will be lucky if they obtain a mere 5 per cent of the vote, particularly if the growing *renouveau*, or reformist, movement within the party carries out its recent threat to field its own dissident candidate.

If M Lajoinie does indeed suffer a humiliating defeat, it could paradoxically strengthen M Marchais's position, helping efface his own poor showing in the 1986 presidential elections when he won 15 per cent of the vote after more than three decades in which the Communists regularly scored more than 20 per cent of the vote.

However, M Lajoinie's position could change if the *renouveau* decide either not to field their own candidate or fail to obtain significant sup-

port among the electorate or if President Mitterrand, who is popular among Communist voters, decides to step down in favour of M Michel Rocard, who is much more tainted with the "social democrat" label. M Mitterrand has yet to take a final decision on whether he will stand again.

In addition, M Lajoinie, hitherto considered rather a grey, unexciting figure, could yet surprise observers by showing his true colours. Born of poor farming stock from the



M Lajoinie: persecutor of the party's reformist wing.

Corréze, he has retained an easy human contact and a certain wily peasant obstinacy which will stand him in good stead during the election campaign.

M Pierre Juquin, aged 56, the former party spokesman and Politburo member and now unofficial leader of the *renouveau*, was deliberately absent from yesterday's Central Committee meeting and thereby avoided having publicly to show his disapproval for the man who has been one of the chief persecutors of the *renouveau*.

Although M Juquin is considered the most likely *renouveau* presidential candidate, he has so far indicated that he would not be in favour of such a move, arguing that it would not be the best way to carry out the necessary radical reform and reconstruction of the party.



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## Russians court EEC as Westerners walk the corridors of Comecon

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The secretive, Soviet-led trading bloc, Comecon, yesterday threw open the doors of its 32-storey headquarters to Western diplomats and journalists for the first time, in a gesture designed to show its readiness to reach an early agreement on formal ties with the EEC after 30 years of mutual non-recognition.

The unexpected move was taken on the orders of the Secretary, Mr Vyacheslav Sychov, who said on behalf of the 10-member organization: "I am optimistic about prospects that a draft declaration to establish relations with the EEC will be signed at the earliest possible date. Its absence is an anachronism."

Mr Sychov, a Gorbachev-style technocrat in his early fifties, was addressing Comecon's monthly press briefing, which has previously been strictly out of bounds to all Westerners.

"To my knowledge, this is the first time that Western reporters have been let into the building," explained Mr Anatoly Uglov, the head of the Economic Information Department. To mark his point, the doors were firmly locked as we left.

Staffed by some 2,000 people, the gaunt Comecon headquarters, Moscow's distinctly less cosmopolitan equivalent of the Berlaymont in Brussels, will be used as the base for any permanent EEC presence when a final agreement is

signed. The Soviet side said yesterday that Comecon would be requesting a reciprocal place in the Berlaymont.

The sudden arrival of reporters from EEC countries caused chaos among Comecon officials, who are not used to providing translation into any language. "The working language here is Russian. If a Pole or a Czechoslovak, for instance, needs a translation, he is expected to bring his own interpreter with him," Mr Uglov explained.

Founded by Stalin in 1949, Comecon's membership now

Moscow — Mr Nguyen Van Linh, the Vietnamese leader, arrived here yesterday for talks with Mr Mikhail Gorbachev which are expected to focus on the Vietnamese economy, Soviet aid and Cambodia (Reuters reports).

embraces the Soviet Union plus Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Mongolia, Vietnam and Cuba. In addition, representatives from Angola, Afghanistan, South Yemen, Laos, Mozambique, Nicaragua and Ethiopia are occasionally permitted to act as observers. Its budget remains a state secret.

After two rounds of talks with EEC experts in Geneva last September and in March, Soviet officials said yesterday that the main sticking point on reaching agreement re-

mained EEC insistence that West Berlin be referred to in any joint declaration with the Communist bloc — a problem they believed could be overcome with one more round of negotiations.

Speaking in front of the giant grey drapes which form the backdrop to Comecon's main auditorium, Mr Sychov said that, as well as developing trade, the proposed ties with the EEC would "open a broad road towards developing co-operation".

Similar negotiations to those now under way were broken off in 1980 as East-West relations deteriorated after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

The new boost they have recently received from the Soviet side has reflected Mr Mikhail Gorbachev's drive to liberalize the Soviet Union.

European diplomats have also expressed some optimism about the chances of an EEC-Comecon agreement, but point out that differences over Berlin remain a problem. One explained that the 1957 Treaty of Rome required all contracts and agreements signed by the EEC to include West Berlin.

According to the latest figures, the EEC had a \$5 billion (£3 billion) trade deficit with East European countries in 1986, cut by about half from the preceding year due to a sharp drop in the price of imported Soviet oil.

## Rescue after five days on a buoy



Three shipwrecked Australian prawn fishermen waving to a rescue aircraft after spending five days on a buoy in the Indian Ocean. The men, all aged 23, said they swam over a mile to the buoy, used to mark shipping lanes, after their trawler was swamped by a huge wave in rough weather off the northern coast of

Western Australia last Wednesday (Reuters reports from Port Hedland, Western Australia). They survived by drinking rainwater wrung from their shirts, according to police. The fishermen were picked up by a helicopter late yesterday after being spotted by a search plane

## El Salvador's civil war

### Army tries to win hearts and minds

From Our Own Correspondent, San Salvador

In the crowded, ravaged countryside of El Salvador, where the civil war will be won, a new breed of soldiers has discovered the power of propaganda.

The army that once murdered and tortured is striving to convince the peasant population that a uniform is not a symbol of repression. In Santa Ana, 40 miles north-west of San Salvador, there is rarely a soldier to be seen; they stay in the barracks when they are not patrolling the countryside.

During the past three years of civilian government, abuses by the military have declined and are now a relative rarity. Every soldier is instructed to win over the peasants, not torment and terrorize them as before. This campaign even has a name: the Army calls it "United to Reconstruct".

On the roads coming into this ragged town billboards depict terrorist atrocities. Slogans proclaim "Peace, for the love of the fatherland", and huge posters read "Vote for the future of your country".

In the gritty cafes of Santa Ana people say they have no time for the left-wing guerrillas, but there is also deep disenchantment with the Government. The Army, all agree, is not as bad as it was, but it is obviously far from trusted.

On the country roads outside Santa Ana, army foot patrols are frequently seen. Lorryloads of soldiers are constantly on the move but

harm no one. In the war-torn north and east, too, a similar story emerges. In San Francisco Gotera, a town on the frontier of the main war zone to the north, Colonel Mauricio Ernesto Vargas declared candidly: "When you think of repression, you think of a uniform."

He said that there must be reforms if the guerrillas were to be defeated. "We must not think the revolution is caused by communism alone. We must recognize why there is discontent."

Discontent means hunger. Malnutrition shows in the distended bellies of children and the rickets of older people. This year disease is afflicting the crops of many subsistence farmers.

Sometimes army doctors are seen distributing pills and medicine as part of the "United to Reconstruct" campaign, but military officials say they cannot hope to win over the population fully in an environment of such dire need.

And not all soldiers are like Colonel Vargas. Most of the top officers are as hard-nosed and ultra-right as they ever were.

The guerrillas, who have regrouped after two years of relative inactivity, will find it more difficult to build an urban base now because the decline of military atrocities has changed the climate of fear in which the rebels prospered. The countryside is their only hope.

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THE WORLD'S NO 1

## Growing tensions blunt Tokyo's exports offensive

From Robert Grieser, Peking



From the late 1970s until recently, Japanese businessmen, diplomats, journalists and students living in China felt relatively free to travel around the country, meet Chinese and conduct themselves as they wished.

Their ease in a country that they had invaded only 40 years before could be attributed, at least in part, to Japan's growing economic importance in the world. The traditional antagonism between China and Japan appeared to have been diminished, if not entirely eliminated, by the growing trade and economic links between the two countries.

In the port city of Dalian (called Dairen after the Japanese occupied it), throngs of Japanese tourists, many of them former residents who grew up there, returned to exclaim over how little the town had changed in the intervening years. Elsewhere in China young Japanese students looking for their cultural

operation with Japan was the best way for China to learn how to develop its own economic miracle.

Since Mr Hu's fall from political power on January 16, on the grounds that he was an exponent of bad Western influences, a series of what Japanese diplomats here call "badly timed events" has led to a more severe deterioration in Sino-Japanese relations.

The important difference between 1985 and now is that Mr Hu is no longer in a position to help pour oil on troubled waters.

Ten days after Mr Hu's removal, Tokyo announced that it would raise Japanese military spending above its self-imposed ceiling of 1 per cent of GNP. That act provoked the Chinese Foreign Ministry into stating that it hoped Japan would soon impose a new ceiling on military spending.

Soon thereafter Peking became upset when Japan allowed 11 North Korean refugees who had sailed to its shores to go to South Korea via Taiwan. China viewed Japan's action as bordering on the hostile since Peking has close relations with Pyongyang. As if deliberately adding insult to injury, a Japanese high court ruled on February 26 that a pre-war students' dormitory in Kyoto, built by the Nationalist Chinese and now claimed by China, belonged instead to Taiwan.

Two weeks ago came the worst blow of all, according to Japanese here. Mr Shintaro Hattori, aged 42, a Peking-based reporter for Kyodo News Service with six years' experience as a journalist in China, was expelled from the People's Republic by the Ministry of State Security for allegedly buying confidential government documents from a Chinese official.

The Japanese Ambassador to China, Mr Yosuke Nakae, received no clear response from the Foreign Ministry here to his inquiries about the charges against Mr Hattori. To outsiders it appeared clear that China wanted Japan to get the message that it had had enough.

Whether the current tensions will affect business between China and Japan remains to be seen. "The truth is," said a Japanese banker here, "that the Chinese will publicly disown us, but privately do deals with us." Other Japanese businessmen in Peking regard the recent bilateral strains as attempts by China to win cheaper prices for Japanese goods.

China and Japan will probably weather this rough period in their centuries-long relationship. But it will take some doing. With the Japanese here unsure what sanctions China will next impose against them, and China suspicious of Japan's possible rebirth as a military power, the strains could continue for some time.

As one Western diplomat put it: "China is serving notice that Japan will not enjoy a free ride here much longer."



Mr Hu: no longer available to foster ties with Tokyo.

roots studied traditional Chinese martial arts, wushu, as well as painting, calligraphy and Chinese exercises, tai-jiquan.

"We lost the military war here, but we won the economic war," a Japanese businessman working in Peking was confident enough to say in mid-1985.

Nevertheless, two events in late 1985 convinced Japanese living in China that Sino-Japanese tensions had not yet become a thing of the past.

In the early autumn, Peking municipal authorities declared that posters bearing advertisements for Japanese consumer products must be removed from the centre if the city to facilitate "urban renewal".

In September thousands of Chinese students demonstrated in Peking, Xian, Wuhan and Chengdu against what they called "the second Japanese invasion" of consumer goods that were pouring into China at the time. Thousands of Japanese photo-copy machines, computers, motorcycles, cars and cameras helped reduce China's hard currency reserves from \$16.7 billion (£10 billion) in June 1984 to \$10 billion by the end of 1985.

At the time Mr Hu Yaobang, then General-Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, and a friend of Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Japanese Prime Minister, used his influence to help control the bilateral damage caused by the demonstrators. Mr Hu appeared to believe, as do many Chinese, that



## FASHION by Liz Smith

## The one-stop summer wardrobe



In five years George Davies (left) has built a retailing empire and changed the face of the high street with his chain of Next shops. He is about to open a department store in London

Shopping for clothes raises all sorts of fundamental questions, quite apart from what to buy, in which colour and at what price. Is your acquisitive urge sparked by rifling through racks of clothes in a crowded department store? Is decision-making made easier if you can browse along a sparse line-up of sweaters stretched flat on wire netting in a shop that resembles an art gallery? Retailers, in their constant search for answers to these questions, appear to have the builders in regularly; large stores are carving up their acreage to create malls of tiny shops within shops, and individual boutiques are busy demolishing every hanging space and counter to make an echoing open-plan gallery.

George Davies, the brains behind the Next empire, the fashion chain which in just five years has become a high street legend, pioneered — in this country at any rate — a certain style of retailing that gave women a practical alternative to department store shopping. From a string of 70 Kendalls shops, bought by Hepworths in 1983 and re-designed by Terence Conran, Davies built his £800 million chain and made available in high streets up and down the country a tightly-edited wardrobe of modestly-priced outfits complete with accessories in a no-fuss atmosphere.

Targeted precisely to a career-minded, acquisitive generation, Next filled the gap for shoppers who had outgrown the Top Shop or Miss Selfridge image, but had not yet hit a salary level that allowed them to pay the prices of a designer boutique. Davies had a winning formula.

The Next style for women is conservatively smart, youthful rather than young, and since it is designed to sell in branches in every part of the country it does not always please fashion sophisticates. This summer's collection is particularly strong, with a smart line in linen-mix separates in buff and natural which add up to a fashionable colonial look.

Pieces in natural linens work well with the white pleated skirts and Oxford bags that are the basis of their sporty look. Crisp banded cricket cardigans and striped

sweaters also work with chambray shorts or dirndls, and the regulation straw hat, plimsoles and sandals are lined up alongside to complete the required look. There are dressier costesses, and a series of soft dresses in the gentle prints which are fashionable this season.

Some say Next's success, and inevitable imitators, has taken all individuality out of the High Street, levelling the look to the same common denominator of blandness. In fact Next has consistently raised the standard of quality in cloth and cut in mass-market clothes, and set a fast pace. Its ranges have expanded over the years to include cosmetics and flowers, furnishings, accessories and the exclusive Next Too (a more innovative range) and Next Collection (classic clothes) lines. Davies is especially proud of the made-to-measure service he can now offer men, with a well-tailored suit custom-made in seven days. Updating and recutting old-fashioned blocks has been one of his favourite crusades.

Currently Next is making a £340 million bid for Combined English Stores. Its 870 outlets will be used for completely different retailing packages, which are still under wraps.

Davies's latest idea gives potential imitators a hard act to follow. With a hefty £2.5 million investment and with

26,000 square feet of retailing space in Kensington High Street, west London, on the site of the old Woolworth store, Next is reviving that quaint idea of the department store. It will house the complete range of Next products, and there is even the obligatory department store restaurant, the Paramount Tea and Lunch Room with waitress service, in which customers can flop and reflect on their extravaganzas.

Davies sees no irony in the fact that he is now thinking big. "There is still a place for the smaller units," he says. "Fashion naturally goes through phases, but I want to try and give Next some



longevity. By building a store to more traditional standards we can prove we care less for instant fashion and more for quality."

It is not Next's first progression into larger multi-storey premises. Though not built on the scale of the Kensington store, mega-sized Next emporia already exist in Bristol, Chester and Newcastle.

Davies travels a lot, dashing into shops and stores, absorbing their atmosphere and sales potential, and measuring them up against Next's. The

feedback from Davies's travels was passed on to a young designer from Manchester, Rashied Ali Din, a 30-year-old graduate in interior design from Birmingham Polytechnic, who had helped Next when they introduced hair-dressing salons into some of their major shops.

Din's brief was to create a feeling of spaciousness and, without providing a sweeping view of the store as soon as you step inside, to give tantalizing glimpses of more and more treats in departments

Davies's inspiration for his store came from the Hermès mini-store on the corner of Faubourg Saint-Honoré in Paris, but translated to Kensington High Street, the similarities turn out to be scarcely recognizable; behind the impressive 40 foot square windows, four gantries, engineered by theatre designers, move up and down to allow changes in displays.

One innovation is Next's VIII to VIII department at the front, open from 8am until 8pm, where cosmetics and tights, confectionery or flow-

ers can be picked up on the way to or from work. This bright idea was dictated by the existing underpass from Barkers across the street, which emerges on the opposite pavement right inside the Next store.

Davies promises more revolutionary retailing tactics when his mail order catalogues are posted in January, 1988. Inspired, he says, by the distribution skills of the newspaper industry, he plans to supply clothes of quality by mail order with a delivery time of 48 hours.

Above left: Black and white spring-printed silky (polyester) dress, £42.99, Next Too. White canvas plimsoles, £12.99. Next. Straw hat, £79.50, by Philippe Model from Whistles, 12-14 St Christopher's Place, W1

Centre: Navy cotton/linen blazer, £59.99, Next Man (always a good source of well-cut jackets, suitable for women too). Batik cotton faux sarong (foolproof style constructed like a skirt), £24.99, Next Collection. White cotton T-shirt, £6.99; plaited leather belt, £11.99, Next

Right: Beige and buff check Nehru jacket, linen/viscose mix, £54.99; co-ordinating beige trousers, £29.99, both from Next Too. Cream fringed leather lace-up shoes, £36.99, Next

The new Next department store opens on May 29, in Kensington High Street, London W8

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## PEOPLE

## Spray for the day

Like every woman with a luxurious mane of long hair, the Duchess of York enjoys sweeping it off her face in a variety of ways. But few are quite as adventurous as she is in pinning her hair with clips, with plumes and bows, jewels and flowers.

The roses and lilies that she used for the balls and celebrations of last summer gave a clue to the profusion of flowers she would wear to secure her wedding veil. The flower hoops carried by the bridesmaids and their simple circlets of flowers contrived to add romance and informality to the pomp of the occasion.

Jane Packer was the talented young florist commissioned to design the flowers for the royal wedding. Despite a booming business, based in a tiny West End shop, she has found time in the past year to write a book, *Celebrating with Flowers* (Pavilion, £12.95) is published to coincide with Chelsea week.

Almost half the book is devoted to weddings, from the bride's bouquet to the sweet



Romantic: Jane Packer's bridal veil for the Duchess of York.

idea of trailing ivy and gypsophylla tied with a white satin bow to the church gateway. The secrets of the royal bridesmaids' floral hoops are revealed on page 120.

Since Liberty's side porch in Great Marlborough Street was the site of one of Jane Packer's first ventures into selling flowers, it is appropriate that Liberty celebrate her book with flower arrangements by her in their run of 10 windows along the street this week. Jane Packer will sign copies of *Celebrating with Flowers* in Liberty's book department on Thursday, May 21, from 12.30 to 1.30pm and 5.30 to 6.30pm.

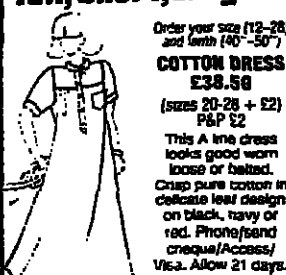
## Forties style

Cary Grant's elegance and wonderfully natty tailoring is being recreated in Savile Row for the television mini-series *Poor Little Girl*. The *Barbara Hutton Story*, James Bond gets the job of playing the suave Cary Grant, one-time husband of the Woolworth heiress, played by Farrah Fawcett.

Edward Sexton, the Savile Row craftsman entrusted to sculpt the sharp '40s suits, began his career at the famous tailoring establishment where Cary Grant had his suits made, Kilgour, French & Stanbury. At present on a whistle-stop trunk show in the States, Sexton forecasts a return to the wide lapels, draped hip-hugging jackets and baggy trousers of the Forties by next year when the mini-series comes on air.

Norman Tebbit and Madonna, Joan Rivers, Jan Botham and Elliott Gould keep each other company in a new exhibition of portraits in the V & A, a must for fans of fashion photography. The celebrity snaps, commissioned by *Blitz* magazine, celebrate the work of fashionable young British photographers launched on its pages. Exposure! is on in the museum's 20th Century Exhibition Gallery until June 21.

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# A hustler born to the hustings

Since Shirley Williams's much-scorned vision of a caring society was formed, society has moved on apace. How stands the author of *Politics is for People* in the era of privatization? Bryan Appleyard found the SDP President undaunted, and ready for the second industrial revolution

In the demonology of the right she is Beelzebub, Lord of the muddled-headed flies of the soft left. Her clothes, the way she speaks, even her hair have become the correlatives of the do-gooding, liberal, middle-class ideology which was responsible for the economic and social wreckage of post-war Britain. In the eternally late, deeply caring, Shirley Williams the New Right found its target. Whether or not Norman Tebbit did in fact call her "the most dangerous woman in British politics" is irrelevant, for that is clearly what he thinks.

"I think it's all to do with comprehensive schools," she muses when asked about her role as Princess of Darkness. "I am still completely committed to the idea that we should educate the majority in this country. Actually I don't quite fit the demonology that has been carefully fitted out for me by Auberon Waugh and others. I wouldn't for a moment argue that the independent schools don't in some cases provide a good education. It's more to do with the separate education of the decision-taking class and I believe that in the end that will be completely fatal."

"The fundamental difference between me and them was summed up by Kingsley Amis when he said more means worse, which is exactly the opposite of what I believe in. More means better."

But it's not just a question of what she did when she was Secretary of State for Education. Surely she is being used to symbolize the failure of the whole of left-of-centre politics in this country.

"It hasn't been tried," she snaps back. "I think we're seeing the end of the swing of the pendulum. We are part of an international movement moving away from the far right following the collapse of the conservative thrust in the United States. That is associated with corruption and greed."

But surely those things are specific to the United States?

"Maybe," she smiles. This was one of two occasions when she shied away from hurling the charge of corruption at the Thatcher administration. The other occasion was when she said: "Watergate wouldn't happen that way here. In my mind the story about Westland and about Peter Wright would have been very different if we had had the same structure the States has."

She is brusque and intense. Her conversation bustles along rather as she did when she arrived — very late — at the SDP headquarters, a tightly-belted raincoat over a dark paisley outfit. The staff in Cowley Street treat her as a force to be directed rather than as president

On her politics . . .

**'I don't think that much has changed. I am left-of-centre, not left-wing'**

of the party and home affairs spokesman in parliamentary exile. She is Shirley, just as other things in the world are gravity, magnetism or solar radiation.

Leave the force to its own devices and it veers sharply in the direction of industrial strategy. "The fundamental view I have of politics is that it flows from the patterns of the economy and technology you have at any given time. What we have in this country is a transition from the first industrial revolution to the second. It sounds a bit pompous but I think it's true."

"We are making a mixed job of it — I often compare us to Massachusetts, a state I know well as I taught at Harvard after I lost my seat in '79."

The point about Massachusetts



Satanic or saintly? Shirley Williams on Britain today: "It's not enough for a society simply to say that material success is what it's all about"

is that it has moved from an old industrial past to a new "very harmonious partnership" in which people sit and discuss industrial strategy together and the state and private sectors work together. Over here Labour did nothing to encourage new industries, preferring instead to prop up the old. Then the Tories proved unwilling to back education and research and development to underpin the new capitalists.

But the new industries require something different — "The structure of industrial relations required for an information technology society is different — it is not hierarchical, it is all about teamwork."

She recalls visiting the Honda production line in Japan. "Some-

body in the line collapsed and, without any question or any surprise from anybody else, the deputy managing director stepped into the line to do the job. Here they wouldn't know how to do it, and they wouldn't do it anyway. It's a commitment to a common status that just doesn't exist in this country."

That is one half of the equation; the other is the creation of a viable economic unit. And that means a united Europe big enough to compete.

"The real rift between what were to be the Social Democrats and Labour came in 1971 when the party opposed the Heath attempt to get us into Europe. That was really when we began to drift apart."

She also blames Thatcher for

hesitating too long about joining the European Monetary System and for not co-operating in pan-European industrial initiatives. But doesn't all this emphasis on competition and industry and wealth creation mean that we have here a new Shirley Williams?

"No. I don't think that much has changed actually. I would describe myself as left-of-centre, not left-wing. To most people left-wing implies a degree of state intervention that I don't believe in."

But mustn't she have believed once to have been a card-carrying member of the old Labour Party?

"Well Gaiskill's views were much to my fancy. And I was going to say I have changed a bit on how much can be done by a central government and how

much by decentralization. Labour and the Conservatives are both moving towards centralization but decentralization is the essence of the Alliance."

Again and again Massachusetts crops up as the model, with the one key difference that the Americans actually seem to want the soft left's Utopia. "Unlike Britain there is a sort of aspiration among individual Americans which is realized in states like Massachusetts. There was a marvellous remark by Ernest Bevin when he said that what characterized Britain was a poverty of aspiration — and it's true."

But perhaps it was the welfare state that produced a psychology of dependency? "Show me the evidence. There really isn't any. A country like Spain with a very

minimal welfare state doesn't have higher aspirations than Denmark or Norway with very advanced welfare states. I'll concede that you can create a culture of dependency if you run a welfare state in a particular sort of way. But it's how you run it, not the existence of the state itself."

"It's not enough for a society simply to say that material success is what it's all about. Why is it that the Government has fallen so far out of favour with the churches and with most of the people who work in public services? They are not all a bunch of socialists. They just feel that nobody gives a damn about them."

So perhaps she still is Shirley of the Barricades amid all the deep reasonableness of the Alliance.

On the future . . .

**'I care about this country. I have no particular personal ambition left'**

But could she not play that role in the party in the quietude of Cowley Street? Why stand at Cambridge?

"Because I care about this country. Whether one likes it or not Parliament is the job of political life. I have no particular personal ambition left. I've been a Cabinet minister for a long time. I don't particularly care whether I will be one again."

Meanwhile, though thinking of herself more as a Christian than a Catholic, she attends mass every week either at Westminster Cathedral or at her home in North Hertfordshire. "Yes, I think religion intrudes quite a lot. It makes me more conscious of a constant struggle to be more honest or more truthful. It also means I don't overrate what I am or what anybody else is."

"Of course, you would have to be very careful before you said a political party was not behaving in a Christian way. But I do find it profoundly obscene that we should be talking about another cut in income tax at this time."

The interview over, the force, satanic or saintly, moves on. It has been more like listening to a crowd than to one person, though one voice did occasionally surface with some clarity, as when she announced abruptly, "I don't believe in the philosophy of traditional socialism. I'm not sure I ever did. But anyway I don't . . ."

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## New life in the killing fields

Why mother nature is thriving down on the Army firing range

There was a time, some of us recall, when the Army divided all trees into two kinds: deciduous varieties were known as "bushy-topped" and conifers as "firs", — or was it pines? — the main purpose being target identification as in "bushy topped trees, 11 o'clock, five rounds, rapid fire."

But times and the Army have changed. We are all conservationists now, and last week General Sir James Glover, Commander-in-Chief, United Kingdom land forces, invited representatives of environmental, landowning and recreational organizations to Salisbury Plain to see just what a boon the military presence affords to wildlife.

According to the Army chaps, who seem to be thoroughly enjoying their new status as protectors not only of *homo sapiens* but also of flora and fauna, some 3,300,000 trees have been planted since 1955, 600,000 of them in the past five years. In the past there has been criticism that too many were conifers, but it is now the Ministry of Defence policy that all new planting should be predominantly broadleaf or, as we used to say,

the "bushy-topped" variety.

In 1984, a colony of maiden pink was discovered on the Plain after an absence of 100 years. In an area regularly used for military training, Purple milk vetch is unknown in Southern England except on the Plain and the aptly-titled hairy rocket has been spread by military vehicles.

At the Sennybridge training area, in South Wales, 56 miles of hedgerows have been planted in the last seven years and 600,000 trees since 1974. The Defence Ministry owns the only UK site where all 12 of the native reptiles and amphibians have been recorded. Another site has all six species of deer and yet another has 44 out of a total of 60 species of butterfly.

Difficulties persist, however, about public access, particularly in national parks like Dartmoor, and the recent closure of the Larkhill gunnery range because of the safety risk from unexploded shells, has not been fully assuaged by the opening of some 45 miles of new rights of way.

Brigadier Robin Rhoderick-Jones, assistant chief of staff, G3 Training, points out that the amount of land used by the Army for training has dropped from more than 11 million acres just after the last war to about 370,000 acres now.

Dai Morgan-Evans, inspector of monuments for English Heritage, is in no doubt about the benefits the Army had brought. "The fact is that the ancient archaeological landscape has survived here on a scale that exists nowhere else in Britain," he says. "These 90,000 acres of Salisbury Plain, the size of the Isle of

Wight, provide the only chance we have of studying the history of man from the earliest period."

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## THE TIMES DIARY

### CND out in the cold

The Labour Party has advised its candidates to distance themselves from the CND. I have just been leaked a copy of a Labour "advice note" warning them to beware smears that the party has been captured by pressure groups, of which CND is "the most active and largest". The note goes on: "It plans a high level of activity before the election, particularly in marginal constituencies. It may also attempt to win commitments on particular issues from Labour candidates." The document, released without reference to CND, lists four differences between Labour and CND policy. These include CND's calls for withdrawal from Nato, the closure of non-nuclear US bases in Britain, and immediate defence spending cuts (CND yesterday maintained it has no specific policies on the defence budget). For a final flourish, the document accuses CND of having no agreed defence policy. Let's hope Glensy doesn't get to hear about it.

### Mannerists

The Polite Society, whose gentle aim is to promote good manners and courtesy, is holding a competition to find the three most gracious candidates standing in the election. Personally, I feel the society is tackling the problem the wrong way round. With politicians supposedly on their best behaviour during the next few weeks, I would be more interested in tracking down the rudest. Copies of any brusque or offensive letters in response to reasonable requests from constituents will be gratefully received.

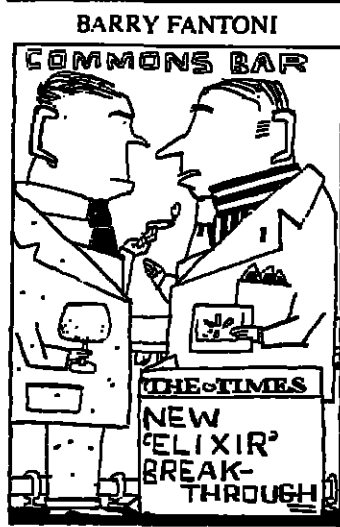
● **Tory over-confidence?** Well, let's put it this way: among the boxes of election leaflets stored on the ground floor of Central Office I have spotted a crate of champagne.

### Aerobotics

American gyms are relieving the loneliness of the long distance health fanatic. Executive gymnasiums in New York, Houston and Dallas are installing exercise machines with a Max Headroom-style talking head. Having asked initial questions about the exercisers' weight and goals, the head then provides a commentary. "Just do it once more - after all you have the most beautiful body in the gym," it can fawn. But if it spots slacking, the head turns nasty. "You're behaving like a wimp," it has been known to say.

### Beastly

The Royal Marines hotly deny allegations of bullying, but strangely have a special word - "beastings" - which denotes just that. Captain Bob Fanshawe at the Lymington base in Devon, the centre of allegations that recruits are unmercifully bullied by NCOs - including most recently a case in which one was hit over the head with a mallet for refusing to drink a pint of urine - says the word is now discouraged. "It originally meant vigorous corrective training, like extra press-ups or exercise, when it's wet and muddy as a form of punishment designed to increase physical fitness," says Fanshawe. "Now it has connotations of bullying and we don't like to use it." Eric Morley tells me that in his squaddie days, the explanation for a black eye was simple: "Tripped over a coal bucket, sir."



### Salad days

Mrs Thatcher could be forgiven if her support for the Conservative candidate for Brent South, Tony Paterson, were less than enthusiastic. Back in 1978 Paterson, then the Liberal candidate for her Finchley seat, mounted a one-man demonstration outside her Chelsea home brandishing a lettuce. The lettuce was to illustrate his message that she was a "lucid bunny rabbit". For failing to support the Callaghan government's proposed 2p tax cut, "She has been marvellously encouraging to me since I joined the Conservative Party in 1981," insists Paterson, whose picket nine years ago forced her to leave by the back door.

### Name appeal

Campaigning began yesterday with 650 constituency parties struggling to project their image as best they know how. But few can have gone to the lengths they have in Dover. Labour has selected Mr Love as its candidate and the Alliance Mr Nice, while the Conservatives think they are on a winning streak with Mr Shaw.

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Some fascinating thinking about the way in which our economies have changed - and therefore about the need for a completely different approach to economic policy - is coming from Japan. Called by the ugly name "soft-nomics", it questions the entire set of assumptions on which modern economic theory is based. Advanced economies, it suggests, are beginning to behave quite differently from their predecessors.

Individual investment, consumption and work decisions and the personal attitudes behind all these things have themselves begun to alter quite radically in the new "soft" economic landscape in which heavy manufacturing industry is no longer predominant. We have no chance of understanding our economies, says the soft-nomics thesis, let alone devising suitable policies for them, unless we first understand what has been happening.

A "soft" economy is one in which demand swings decisively in the direction of services rather than goods. This is more than just saying that advanced economies like the Japanese and our own are now much more involved in services than manufacturing.

While this is certainly true, the soft-nomics argument takes the point much further. It claims that manufacturing and the "soft" activities, such as information handling, financial services, research and development, design, marketing and communications of all kinds are now inextricably interwoven with what was previously described as "manufacturing". The old classifications are becoming meaningless and should be revised.

Moreover, the balance of advantage is shifting to the smaller unit which is free of the inflexibility and the overhead burdens which go with larger systems. In many areas, economies of scale are becoming diseconomies, re-

# From Japan, a lesson in gearing down

by David Howell

ersing assumptions about industrial economic behaviour.

The information revolution is reducing the necessity not only for big, centralized industry but also for big, centralized government. People can now be informed and communicate on a scale, at a complexity and with a speed which makes small-scale operation and local group solutions swifter and more efficient than cumbersome collectivist action.

There is nothing original about the desire to go this way. De Tocqueville saw in the great spreading, decentralized society of the 19th century United States the same deep impulse to associate locally rather than be ordered nationally, whether by a monarch or a "democratic" tyranny. The longing to be one's own master, to be a larger fish in a smaller pool, is hardly new.

What our Japanese seers are claiming is that information technology makes this more attainable. The public policy which for decades past has focused on state solutions and central measures to deliver the great social goals of growth, full employment and stability, now needs to be turned on its axis.

Instead the thrust should be towards dismantling the old institutions and regulatory patterns of central control, towards lib-

eralization and market strengthening. Equally, policy should be directly aimed towards the dissolution of mass wage pressures and of the wages-capital conflict. Capital distribution should concern us as much as income distribution.

Against this background the present phase of British economic expansion is instructive. The British economy has now been growing steadily for over five years. The sharp cyclical characteristics of boom and bust, while widely predicted, have failed to materialize. It seems not too much to suggest that this unfamiliar growth pattern may be reflecting precisely the kind of "soft-nomic" quality predicted by the Japanese. This is the way that soft economies now behave.

Why has British economic and social thinking remained so firmly wedded to national macro-economic analysis and "solutions"? And why has it been so impervious to new perspectives and interpretations of what is actually happening? History, class war, administrative centralism and the powerful paternalist tradition all figure in the explanation.

Nowhere as much as in Britain has prevailing economic thinking been so unquestioningly nationalistic. Both for purposes of economic analysis and economic policy it is

the national economy which has been the central unit of consideration. It is all the more extraordinary that an economy so open and exposed to international trends as the British should have been governed by theories and policies which place both micro-economics and global influences second to a view of "the British economy" as an autonomous, and therefore plannable, unit.

Peter Drucker refers to this state of thinking as "the macro-economic axiom". He points out that the two major subscribers to this axiom, the United States and the UK, have - until very recently - done least well economically. Britain can no more afford to think of itself as a single, isolated economic unit than it can to pretend it is still the centre of an empire.

The lessons from the island economy at the other end of the world are very clear - that we must give, like Japan, first priority to competing in the world economy and maximum opportunity for our own "soft-nomic" society and economy to flourish in order to achieve that goal. Outward conditions must determine domestic policies, not the other way round.

There are now some heartening signs that among the politicians in Britain, at least, these lessons are at last being learned. An increasingly soft-based economy is no longer being treated as though it was still based on heavy industry. How much more heartening still it would be if British economists showed the same adventurous understanding of modern economic developments in the information age as their Japanese opposite numbers have already been doing for some years past.

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## Robert Jackson replies to the charges of Tory authoritarianism

David Owen has described Britain as the most centralized state in Western Europe, and as the election campaign unfolds we are likely to hear much to the effect that under Mrs Thatcher Britain has a dangerously "centralizing" and "authoritarian" government.

At the heart of the SDP-Liberal case is the image of Britain as an "elective dictatorship" requiring constitutional and electoral reform to constrain a dangerously over-weening central authority. But this image confuses form with substance. In its real constitution the British central state is one of the weakest in Western Europe.

Look at all the main sectors of society. Until the industrial law reforms of the early 1980s - and the defeat of the NUM - trade unions in Britain were incomparably more powerful than elsewhere. And because of the relatively greater internationalization of our economy, the influence of government over capital remains weaker here than in France, Germany or Italy.

Take the Civil Service: nowhere else could there be a joke like *Yes Minister* (meaning "No, Minister") because everywhere else the Sir Humphreys are appointed and dismissed by the elected politicians. Take local government: where else in Europe would local authorities have felt free to behave towards the centre as they have in Britain? In education, cultural affairs and the media, both the formal powers and actual influence of the national government are far weaker than elsewhere.

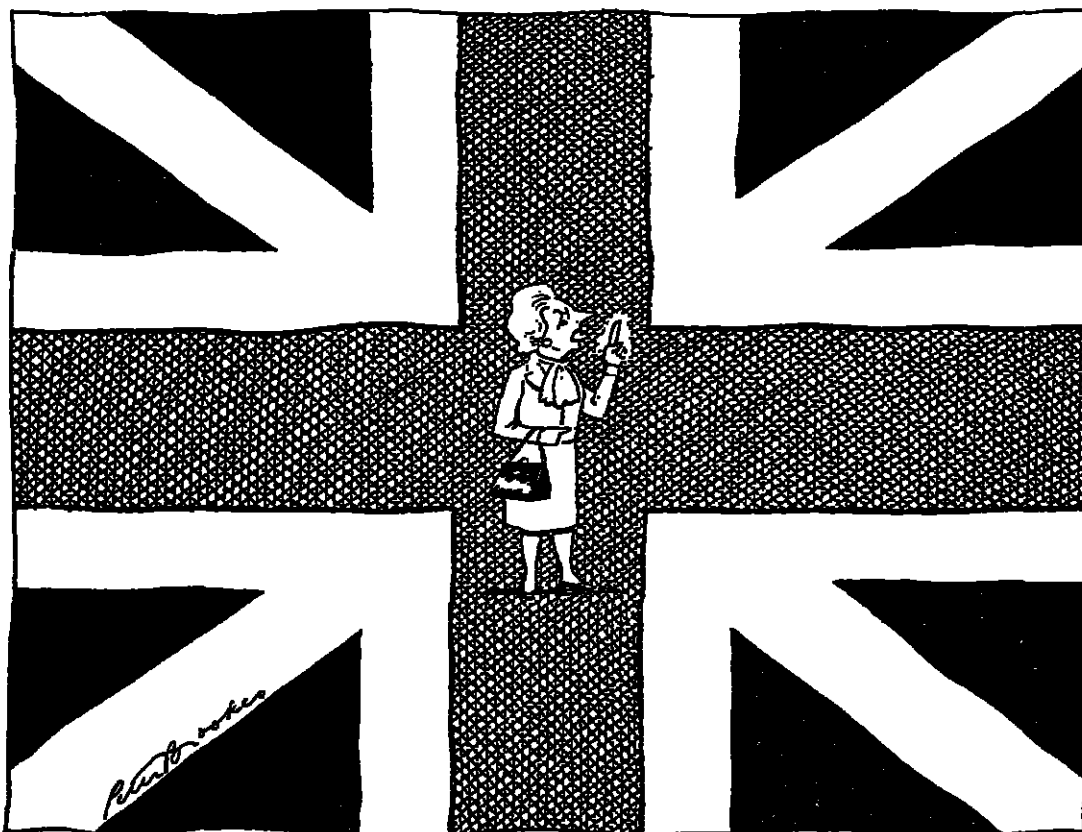
Certainly, Mrs Thatcher's is a "strong" government. It has carried through initiatives which have disturbed established institutions and interests: the unions, the Civil Service, management in the industrialized industries and the health service, local government and education. And it promises more of the same in a third term. All this activity is undoubtedly an unusual assertion of the power of the central state. But this does not necessarily make it "centralizing": for that there must surely be a transfer of power to the centre.

The cry of "centralization" has been used in resisting at least three types of change which are not in substance centralizing.

First, those reforms which transfer power from the intermediate institutions to the level of the individual and the family. Members of trade unions have been given rights over their unions; council tenants have been given the right to buy their homes when the local authority is unwilling to sell; people have been given opportunities to acquire real rights of ownership in the formerly nationalized industries; parents have been accorded a stronger position in the government of the schools. The abolition of the GLC, the metropolitan counties and the area health authorities arguably also fall into this category, with their powers largely transferred to lower-tier bodies.

I think I know what a gravy train is. The trick is to catch one, usually by one's party winning an election. In the United States, where the term originated, a gravy train comes, as it were, out of a pork barrel. It means easy money. To ride (or board) the gravy train (or boat) means to obtain an easy financial success or to get a sinecure. The phrase has been around in the States for some time. A 1933 dictionary of American slang defined riding the gravy train as: "To continue to receive more than one's deserts." In *Groves of Academe* (1953) Mary McCarthy wrote: "There was a moment in the spring when the whole Jocelyn sidshow seemed to be boarding the gravy train, on to fatter triumphs of platitudes and mediocrity."

The image is mysterious. I have always thought of gravy as being a peculiarly nasty English slop, like custard, served in public schools



## Hard facts about Britain's soft centre

Then there are those other reforms which, while not transferring power, have reorganized the intermediate institutions to make them more efficient. These changes have generally upset delicate (and stultifying) balances - as in the management of the NHS, the nationalized industries, and the universities. Again, opposition has rallied under the banner of "opposing centralization". But in fact power has merely been redistributed, not subtracted.

A third area where centralization is more apparent than real is local government. The rates-raising power of local authorities has been constrained by the grant-penalty system; but this is only a disincentive to high rates and not a prohibition, except in the most extreme cases where the rates may be "capped". Here there is certainly a measure of "centralization", but local spending and borrowing have always been subject to control from the centre, and in some respects these controls were relaxed in the early 1980s - block grants and block allocations of permission to spend replacing specific appropriations and authorizations. Complementing the intensified central fiscal controls, there is a powerful decentralizing thrust intended to

increase local self-reliance by reducing the proportion of central grant and promoting greater autonomy through the enhanced local responsibility which universal payment of the Community Charge should bring.

In all these cases the centre has acted vigorously, but not to take power unto itself. In some areas, however, there has certainly been an addition of power at the centre, and the Conservative manifesto promises more.

In the inner cities the urban development corporations represent a transfer of power from local government to centrally appointed bodies. It is proposed that local government in general will lose to the centre the power to determine the business rate. In the schools the Burnham structure has been scrapped, and a pay deal and contract have been imposed by the government. The proposed national curriculum is obviously a centralizing move, although the right of schools to opt for direct grants will probably have a net devolutionary effect.

But the fact that a measure involves a shift of power to the centre is not enough, by itself, to condemn it. If local government in the inner cities is overwhelmed by the scale of its problems, why

should we rule out the development corporation approach - so successful in the new towns - simply because it supplants local government? If business is not represented in local government (and its interests are consequently ignored) why should the local authority be felt to have a better claim to tax it than the centre? If there is evidence that an antique negotiating process like Burnham can no longer deliver a consensus, and that the diffusion of power in education has led to schools where minimal standards are not being met, does not the national government have a duty to act?

These centralizing measures can, in short, be justified on their merits - if the critics are prepared to attend to them. On the other hand, it may be politically advantageous for them to raise the cry of "centralization" more as a slogan than as a serious argument.

This debate reflects a central theme of English history. Since the 17th century the central power in Britain has always been relatively weak: the power of the localities and the great corporations has always been strong. This pattern has served us well, fostering the industrial revolution in the 18th century and avoiding political revolution in the 19th. But from time to time it has caused problems. Sometimes the localities and the corporations fail to rise to the level of the national interest. And sometimes they abuse their power, leading to that familiar combination in our history between Crown and Commons against the over-mighty subject. Behind the centralization debate in Britain in the 1980s both of these ancient motifs recur.

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## Pass the source

Philip Howard: New words for old

and service messes in order to feed character. A train (or boat) of the stuff sounds nasty, sluttish, and fraught. The phrase is becoming fashionable in this country, and we tend to get it slightly wrong, using it as a substitute for bandwagon, without the American connotation of what the British would describe as jobs for the boys, or perks.

Whence and what and why this torrent of gravy? Do you suppose that boarding the gravy boat is a pun on the boat-shaped container for gravy or sauce? No I do not: gravy boats seem to me archetypically English suburban, and genteel, and boarding-house crockery utensils. I have heard a suggestion

that the gravy train comes from the French *gravy*, to describe the goods vehicles carrying the heavy baggage. I don't believe it.

The history of gravy in English slang is not helpful. Gravy's original slang meaning from the middle of the 18th century was, as so often with slang, sexual and low and jolly rude. Since about 1970 gravy has been used to mean bawdiness or sexual innuendo. BBC radio programme September 13 1973: "Put some gravy in it - make it saucy." This may be a pun on sauce, not unconnected with the original sexual sense. In the war the RAF called aircraft fuel automobile fuel; of juice.

Gravy can be an alternative to

porridge in criminal slang: when a judge is giving heavy sentences he is spoken of as "dishing out the gravy (or porridge)". In British theatrical slang *gravy* means either easy laughs from a friendly audience, or good lines, or business, in a farce or comedy. None of these meanings seems to have any possible coupling with a gravy train.

There is no exact answer. Americans (who must also slurp gravy) appear to have started to use *gravy* as slang for money or something desirable: "Stick him for all you can. You're a hard worker, and you mustn't let somebody else get the gravy." Bobby Kennedy said in 1960 that if his brother Jack got 55 electoral votes "anything else will be gravy."

I shall avoid the phrase, partly because the image is obscure, but mainly because it is becoming a cliché that passes through the mind without causing a ripple.

Ben Pimlott

# Can Labour do a Heath?

Is the 1987 election going to be a carbon copy of 1937? Commentators who are making this prediction need to pay careful attention to Labour's manifesto, due to be published today.

Manifestos are interesting documents for two reasons. First, a manifesto is a vision of the future: despite a popular belief that governments don't keep promises, manifesto commitments have acquired a mystical value, and the doctrine of the mandate has become justification in itself for implementing any item to be found in the holy text.

Second, a manifesto is a geological sample that tells much about the past. All the emotive symbols of the preceding years, the battles won or unresolved, are to be found embedded in it. Hence a manifesto gives an indication, not only of what a party intends, but also of its state of psychic health. Recent Labour manifestos are cases in point.

Thus, Labour's bland and condescending 1979 document had been drawn up by mandarins who had exhausted their stock of ideas. As a result, it expressed no more than a lofty desire to go onwards and upwards, and revealed a malaise within a party from which ministers had become dangerously detached.

The 1983 manifesto, by contrast, emerged from a party anarchically at war with itself. It had most in common with the Old Testament, in which the hands of rival scribes were to be observed: precepts in Genesis were contradicted in Deuteronomy. The longest suicide note in history was fatal to Labour's chances because it was unbelievable, and evidently the product of a protracted psychosis.

Against so vivid a background, the 1987 manifesto will seem colourless. Some symptoms of past conflict will remain: the section on nuclear defence, for instance, is likely still to contain contentions that would do credit to the India-rubber man. But in general it will be infused by a spirit of dogged, voter-directed, level-headed, even Arlecian dullness.

The most striking feature will be the abandonment of almost every element of the early 1980s catechism. Nationalization (except in the watered-down "social ownership" version), hostility to Europe, opposition to council house sales, abolition of private education will all be out. In their place will be plenty of bright ideas, some of them socialist or feminist in inspiration. We may expect to see promises to regulate the City, to extend civil rights, to provide freedom of information, to remove restrictions on trade unions, to strengthen the position of women within government, and much else. But the 1987 manifesto will not be much more than a mildly reforming document except in one respect - its policy on unemployment.

Whatever view may be taken of Tory claims of an improvement in

recent months, unhappiness caused by unemployment and the lack of job opportunities stands as the government's most widely acknowledged area of failure. Because of the nature of Labour's own constituency, unemployment is also the subject in which Labour has taken an informed interest; and it is here that its quite straightforward medicine may have most effect.

In 1983, Labour seemed to pluck its equations out of the air. The 1987 offering, by contrast, is carefully costed, sober and realistic. The manifesto is likely to contain a simple assertion that the current level of unemployment is kept unnecessarily high for ideological reasons and that commonsense measures are all that are needed to reduce it sharply.

It will also contain an important departure. The commitment to creating one million jobs within two years will not be dependent on the achievement of other economic goals: faster growth, for instance, will not be the *sine qua non* of lower unemployment. Instead, job creation will be achieved through large-scale borrowing of a cost-effective kind, and by a minor redistribution of tax from the grossly overtaxed rich and from the comparatively affluent majority of wage and salary earners. Jobs will be quickly established to repair damage to education and the health service and to build up the economy through investment in training, construction and transport. Such an approach offers no philosopher's stone. It is no more than a crude recutting of the existing cake. But it has the merits of fairness and credibility. It also sums up the difference between the two major parties.

In 1983, Labour was seen as "extremist", a term that some might take as a compliment but which did the party more justice than its ill-considered policies deserved. In 1987, all the malevolence of the gutter press will be unable to evoke such an image. Labour's manifesto, indeed, is likely to arouse more boredom than alarm.

But if the Labour Party begins to lose heart it should remember the experience of Edward Heath, who began his campaign in the election of June 1970 widely regarded as the certain loser. Inflation was his reiterated theme, and he ended - mundanely but victoriously - on the same note.

In this election Labour is vulnerable on some issues, but not on unemployment - the most important domestic issue of all, and the Conservatives' Achilles' heel. If Labour recites its overwhelmingly good case on jobs and unemployment with a Heath-like obstinacy, refusing to be diverted, Mrs Thatcher may indeed have much to fear, and the comfortable mirage of 1983-all-over-again may be swiftly banished.

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however... Henry Stanhope

## In which Pooh gives up honey

One Spring day Winnie the Pooh woke up in his house on the edge of the forest, to find a letter waiting for him on the mat. He leaned down to pick it up, then leaned down to pick it up... then a little more... grunting as he did so because he had grown rather stout. But he reached it at last and, after getting his breath back, tore open the envelope with his paw.

Pooh frowned and turned the letter upside down. Then he looked at it sideways and finally the right way up again. He knew it wasn't from his friend Piglet because Piglet did not write letters, and he didn't think it was written on what Christopher Robin called a word processor.

"That means," said Pooh thoughtfully, "that it is very, very important." And that meant, he added after a while, that he had better go to find out what it said. The sun was out and dappling the forest floor as he puffed first to Piglet's house, then with his friend running beside him, to Owl's tree in the Hundred Aker Wood.

"Ahem," said Owl, frowning slightly as he examined Pooh's letter. "Ahem," he said again, regarding the animals anxiously out of the corner of an eye. "What does it say Owl?" asked Piglet, jumping up and down excitedly.

"It contains a very important message for Pooh Bear," said Owl in his gravest possible tone. "We must go straightaway to see Christopher Robin."

But when Christopher Robin read it he laughed and laughed. "Oh Pooh," he said. "It's a letter to say you're too stout. You've been setting a bad example to all those other people who like honey."

"Oh," said Pooh, remembering that he had not so long before, got stuck in a rabbit hole after one too many smackerels.

"You must get on a health diet," said Christopher Robin grandly. "We will have to have a meeting to choose one."

Eyore the old grey donkey suggested a diet of thistles, while Piglet recommended haycorns - on account of eating which, he said sadly, he was so small.

disgusting dish called "nachural yogurt" which tasted like sour milk.

Then they drew up something which Owl called an "Eggsasize Chart" with a lot of touching of toes and jumping up and down and "joggling" every morning before breakfast. "You'll soon be as tiny as me Pooh," squeaked Piglet, who was jumping up and down so much he was in danger of losing weight himself.

Pooh soon discovered that the "nachural yogurt" didn't taste too bad when he put several large spoonfuls of honey in it; and the mess didn't get stuck in his teeth so often if he poured a tinfoil of condensed milk over it. But he needed an awful lot of it because all the joggling and "eggsasizes" made him hungrier than before.

So the more jumping up and down and touching his toes he did, the more he ate, and the more he ate the harder it was to jump up and down and touch his toes and go jogging round the Six Pine Trees in the morning.

As a result when it was time for him to be weighed, he had to be lifted on to the scales and the needle shot round several times. The other animals scratched their heads when they saw him, and Pooh would have scratched his too if he had been able to lift his arm that far. "Oh Pooh," cried Christopher Robin in dismay. "You're stouter than ever. Gales of honey will never want to use you on like this."

But when he found the empty packets of bran and the cartons of yogurt and old jars of honey piled up at the back, he burst out laughing again.

"Silly old bear," he said. "Great, less, not more, if you want to be healthy again."

"Oh," said Pooh, hanging his head. "I am a bear with a very large stomach and of very little brain." But he cheered up when they decided that as the dieting and "eggsasizing" had not worked, he could give it all up and go back to being normal again.

"We love you just the way you were Pooh," said Christopher Robin affectionately, as they hand in hand.





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## LEAVING SOCIALISM?

The Alliance parties have never lacked for theme tunes. What they have lacked is a theme.

Today their rivals will publish their manifestoes. There is likely to be little doubt of the essential message which Labour and Conservatives will be presenting to the nation, the one of continuingly successful radical change, the other of neglected poverty, neglected unemployment and a decline which only "responsible socialism" can arrest.

How does the Alliance send its message? Its manifesto title is *Britain United - The time has come*. Its most radical theme is electoral, civil service and parliamentary reform. The two are connected by the idea that Britain's problems (roughly as perceived by Labour) can be cured by mechanical improvements in the way that Britain is ruled. (roughly in the style promoted by Mr Edward Heath in his Conservative manifesto of 1970).

The message has its good points and its bad ones. Freedom of Information, a new code of civil service responsibility, and modernisation of the methods of parliamentary business have much to recommend them. Regional government and positive discrimination a great deal less. But do the parts add up to a political whole? Do those Tory MPs in marginal home counties seats reading *Britain United* have something substantial about which to worry?

The manifesto may have a theme. It lacks a philosophical base. It begs the most uncomfortable fundamental questions. Trade unions, for example are almost completely absent from its world.

Unions may be less powerful, less wealthy and less united than they have been at any time in post-war Britain. They nevertheless remain a major political and economic force.

Of this force there is barely a mention. Do the parties of the Alliance leave behind them for all time the strength through collective bargaining which underpins trade unions? That unions are to be "given back to their members" - now common ground between all three parties - hardly answers the question.

Yesterday's publication affords the first comprehensive opportunity to test Mr Steel and Dr Owen's insistence that a vote for their joint party will help establish a vigorous non-socialist opposition to Conservatism. "It's not an impossible dream. It's closer now than at any time in our history," says the document's introduction.

On this evidence, however, it remains a long way off - considerable though the achievement has been of creating harmony between the two parties.

The founders of the SDP had spent their lives inside the Labour Party of the sixties and seventies; the present Liberal Party has been profoundly influenced by the social democratic intellectual climate of those decades. There are both Liberals and Social Democrats inside the Alliance who look for a politics transformed.

The manifesto which emerges from the Alliance's complicated antecedents is one which is only slowly leaving its socialist influences behind. The economic content, in its important elements,

is relatively entrepreneurial by comparison with the form. The language throughout is in the communal-exhortatory mode. "We will work with the people of the hard-hit regions to stimulate new economic activity," says the section on "Rebuilding British Industry", before going to propose nothing more expensive than governmental encouragement for local venture capital schemes.

For success the Alliance programme requires a sense that Britain is now run badly and an optimism about the role of reformist machinery in putting matters right.

It is far from clear that these conditions apply. On balance, they most likely do not. So the Alliance is driven back for its manifesto title - for the single theme which its opponents have so often chided it for lacking - to a different claim. "Britain United - The Time Has Come" suggests that Mr Steel and Dr Owen see the lack of unity in Britain as the major plank on which they are to fight the Government.

In essence it is a message to those who have prospered in Mrs Thatcher's Britain to feel guilty about their success. It hopes to persuade such people, of whom there are many, that Tory economic benefits can be harnessed for the good of a greater number of citizens; that Britain will be more united if British wealth is more evenly spread among its citizens; that mechanical changes in government can provide the motor power for this better application of social justice.

This is a potentially powerful message. But it is also a recipe for confusion about how such a society goes about creating the prosperity in the first place.

## Issues at stake in Kimberley case

From the Director of the National Children's Bureau Sir, Your leader on the tragic case of Kimberley Cartile (May 16) rightly reminds us that the welfare of the child in such circumstances must be paramount. However, it would be wrong to assume that the only alternative approach is a "theoretical ideal of family unity". In any event, situations in real life are rarely so straightforward that mere extrapolation from a basic principle provides a solution.

There are many circumstances when the removal from his family of a child at risk may add further crippling emotional damage to the harm already done. There is therefore a conflict of potential risk to the child. The professional judgement needed in the individual case is typically complex and made no easier by the frightening consequences for the child - psychological or physical - of getting it wrong.

One way forward seems very clear. We need to change the legal and statutory framework within which social workers, health visitors and others, including the police, are able to act in such cases. In particular, the monitoring of the child's welfare must be much more readily enforceable than it is now, notwithstanding some erosion of the parents' rights which this will entail.

The incoming new government will have a clear responsibility to act on this by taking forward the proposals already stated by the present Government in its White Paper on child care law, perhaps even strengthening the relevant proposal in the White Paper when it is drafted into a new Bill. Yours sincerely, RONALD DAVIE, Director, National Children's Bureau, 8 Wakley Street, EC1, May 17.

From his Honour Lyall Wilkes Sir, In my almost 20 years of trying custody and child welfare cases, I came to recognise two particular dangers to the safety of children - firstly, the ignorance of many social workers of procedures to invoke the legal remedies available to safeguard children (injunctions, place of safety or-

ders, wardship etc); and secondly, the reluctance of social workers generally to call in the lawyers to assist, who were often only a few yards away in the same building.

I attempted to break down this barrier between the social services and the legal departments by arranging that a named solicitor, or his deputy, would be available to advise on what legal steps could be taken quickly to resolve situations causing anxiety, but it must be admitted that their preference was still to discuss the case interminably at innumerable "case conferences" with other social workers rather than to call in the lawyers for court action.

Three things stand out as necessary. First, short courses and short written instructions issued in every town hall or civic centre listing the procedures available for legal action in various circumstances; secondly, the naming of the solicitors whose special duty it will be to advise social workers on how to invoke the legal remedies available.

Thirdly, a quick and simple interim procedure is needed ordering anyone who has care of a child who it is suspected may be ill-treated, to produce that child before a judge in chambers within a strict time limit, disobedience of which order would be a contempt of court punishable by imprisonment. The judge should be able to make an interim supervision order.

The old-fashioned NSPCC inspector "the cruel man" was unqualified, but his brains had not been dulled by sociology. Yours faithfully, LYALL WILKES, The Ginn-Gin, Ogle, Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne and Wear.

From Dr George M. Leuty Sir, He may not insist on seeing children at risk, yet he brought to book for not doing so. Is responsibility without power not the prerogative of the social worker? Yours faithfully, GEORGE LEUTY, 35 Valmont Road, Sherwood, Nottingham.

## 'Red herring' on unemployment

From Professor Robin Marris Sir, I should like to comment on the correspondence begun by the letter of five distinguished American economists on April 28, continued by Mr de Marillac on May 11. The economists argued that the current massive unemployment, in Britain and elsewhere in Europe, was mainly due to lack of general economic growth. Mr de Marillac believes that the computer revolution is so changing the nature of "work" and "employment" that the economists' way of seeing things is out of date.

But every piece of concrete evidence on which one can lay one's hands supports the economists. In Britain, both in industry and in services, in the current decade, output per person-hour has increased neither faster nor slower than in the average of all the preceding decades since the Second World War.

In those earlier decades, however, productivity growth was either matched or exceeded by production growth, so the demand for labour held up or increased. By contrast, today, our total industrial output is no higher than in the late 1970s and the demand for industrial labour is one fifth lower.

There has been some growth in the rest of the economy, but not nearly enough to take up the slack. Dry though they may be, these simple numbers basically tell the whole story. It is similar in other European countries, though less severe.

In times of depression there are always new red herrings. Mr de Marillac states that most countries are richer *per capita* than ever before. That was also true in 1980, 1970 and 1960. What has changed (for the worse) is the rate of gain. A major reason is massive unnecessary unemployment.

Yours etc, ROBIN MARRIS, Lingard House, Chiswick Mall, W4, May 11.

## Moore in his setting

From Mrs E. K. Curtis Sir, David Lee's article on "Moore in his elements" (May 9) took me back some 17 years, when my husband and I were motoring in Dumfriesshire.

Approaching the remote Glenkiln reservoir, we were astonished to see Moore's King and Queen, magnificently enthroned on an empty hillside overlooking the water. It was an emotional experience which has left a lasting impression on us.

This magnificent setting is privately owned land. Works by Epstein and Rodin also were dramatically situated on other sites in its vast acreage.

Lee describes "an English landscape" on the Pennine moors as the setting in which Henry Moore would most have wanted his sculpture to be seen and appreciated; but I think that remote hillside in Scotland would have thrilled him more. Yours faithfully, KATHLEEN CURTIS, The Little House, Keepers Lane, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, May 12.

## Mile posts

From Wing Commander E. L. A. Walter, RAF (ret'd) Sir, As a septuagenarian driver I have made a rule:

At the age of 70 I never exceeded 70mph and have reduced my driving speed by 2mph for each year that has subsequently passed.

By the time that I am 100 I shall be driving (or, more likely, being driven) at 10mph - the speed of my hearse.

Yours faithfully, E. L. A. WALTER, The Stables, Enstone, Oxford, May 7.

## Policy on Yugoslavia

From the Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office Sir, The article by Nora Beloff, which you published on May 18, about the Government's policy towards Yugoslavia concentrates on polemics, without making much attempt to describe what our policy actually is. But I would like to correct one of Ms Beloff's inaccuracies - her assertion that British policy, as set out in a speech I made last week to mark the 150th anniversary of diplomatic relations with Serbia/Yugoslavia, is a "benediction" of the enemies of Yugoslav democrats.

The fact is that the Yugoslav leadership has committed itself to policies of political democratisation and economic liberalisation. The approach of Britain and Yugoslavia's other Western creditors, not least in the context of current discussion about the next phase in refinancing Yugoslavia's hard currency debt, is to encourage Yugoslavia to stick to those policies. This hardly amounts to a benediction of enemies of democracy and economic modernisation.

Yours faithfully, TIM RENTON, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Whitehall, SW1, May 18.



## ON THIS DAY

MAY 19 1851

Thousands flocked to the scene of a collapsed London building and the Sunday services at All Hallows were suspended. It was felt that the congregation could be distracted because "the side windows of the sacred edifice afforded a view of the ruins".

## FRIGHTFUL CATASTROPHE IN THE CITY

An accident of a most appalling character happened on Saturday morning between 10 and 11 o'clock in the immediate vicinity of Gracechurch-street. It caused the sacrifice of several lives and serious injury to a large number of persons.

The premises, which were the property of Messrs. Bell and Corbett, of Pope's Head-alley and Adelaide-chambers, King William-street, occupied the site of the old Cross Keys Inn and coaching house, on the west side of Gracechurch-street. They were intended exclusively for chambers and other private offices; and some idea may be formed of their extent when it is stated that the number of apartments amounted to 140...

On Saturday morning some 30 men were busily engaged in the upper portion of the premises, completing the floors by throwing in the concrete. Others were employed in the lower floors, while many were busy at the very bottom of the building preparing the mortar and sand for the use of those throughout the premises. About 20 minutes to 11 o'clock a sudden snap, something similar to the report of a gun, was heard, and the next moment the men, and in another second or so the whole of the south side, which overlooked All-hall-church, was seen sinking in one general mass. A momentary glance sufficed to apprise the men of the fearful catastrophe that awaited them. Some of the poor fellows, by an extraordinary and almost superhuman effort, bounded as the floor gradually gave way on to the roof of the church, while others, in an astounding manner, contrived to leap on to the adjoining houses. The great majority of the workmen, however, fell with the building, and the scene that ensued may possibly be imagined. The crash shook and startled the whole of that part of the city, and for some time the greatest consternation prevailed; it was only to know the character of the event, however, to anticipate the melancholy results. Crowds of excited passers-by and neighbours rushed to the scene, and then it was discovered that the whole of the centre of the extensive range of building, from the highest story, had given way, and had fallen to the ground in one shapeless mass...

Some of the labourers escaped death under circumstances of a most marvellous character. In one instance a labourer who was in the vaults, hearing something tumbling above him, stepped aside into a nook, and the next moment the crown of the vault was burst in by the falling floors, completely wedging him in, but without doing him the slightest injury, and after some time he succeeded in extricating himself. Another surprising preservation of life came to the writer's knowledge; six Irishmen were on the uppermost floor, and seeing or feeling the building sinking from under them, they ran along the top, and reaching one of the ends, they, one by one, let themselves down to the street by means of the projecting iron stays. Those who witnessed their escape described it to have been attended with the most imminent danger; how they managed to keep hold of the thin pieces of iron from such a height is considered truly marvellous...

The accident, dreadful as it was, appears to have been in some degree anticipated by persons employed in the building and others residing near the spot. We were informed, although we cannot vouch for the accuracy of the statement, that the district inspector visited the building about a fortnight since, and advised the cessation of the works until the foundation should be strengthened. His advice, however, was neglected, and the catastrophe we have recorded is the consequence.

Upon this point we have the more authentic, and still more decisive, testimony of the unfortunate widow of an Irishman (Harrigan) who had fallen a victim to the accident. She said to us, when condoling with her under her misfortune, "I knew the place was not safe. Yesterday I brought my husband's dinner and he sat down to eat it. I saw several cracks in the wall which had fallen, which they were stopping with compost, and I said to him, 'Harrigan, this is a bad place to eat your dinner in; it doesn't seem safe...'"

Birthdays honours From Mr Lawrence Viney Sir, I suggest that Mr Patrick Ide (May 12) now contents himself with a game I play most days; comparing one's age with those whom you list as having birthdays. At 68 I find more of those named are younger than me; but still there are those occasional happy days when the opposite is the case. Yours faithfully, LAURENCE VINEY, Moreton's Piece, Meadway, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

## WAR BETWEEN AGGRESSORS

More than 200 merchant vessels flying a variety of flags (including the red ensign) have been attacked by one or other of the two Gulf War belligerents during the last three years. About 30 have been struck this year, including a Soviet freighter two weeks ago and a Soviet tanker, which hit a mine off the Kuwaiti coast on Sunday while under the protection of an escorting Russian frigate.

Now - in the form of an Exocet fired at the US frigate Stark - a neutral warship has been hit for the first time, with severe loss of life, and in international waters. The culprit happens to be Iraq. It could just as easily be Iran.

Such a mutual assault upon world shipping, by two of the most unsavoury regimes in the Middle East, in a region through which one-fifth of the West's oil exports have to pass, would have seemed unbelievable seven years ago, when the Gulf War started. Yet it has happened and has continued - despite heated protests - while the rest of the world has stood by. The heavy loss of life on board the Stark should provoke, at last, some action?

The very presence of the frigate reflected, at least in part, a fresh determination on behalf of the superpowers to protect their vested interests from being damaged. Since the Iranians made known their determination to intimidate Kuwait - always the most vulnerable ally of the Iraqis - both superpowers have stepped up their naval activity in the Gulf. The Marshal Chuykov, which hit a mine shortly before the air strike on the Stark, was one of three Russian tankers leased to the Kuwaitis in the hope that the Soviet flag would provide some token protection from Tehran.

It can be conceded that the air strike on the USS Stark is explained by that "fog of war" in which the innocent all too often become victims - a case of mistaken identity. But as errors of judgement go, it was an extraordinarily bad one and deserves the strongest condemnation.

The attacks on merchant shipping have been carried out deliberately, sometimes with loss of life, as part of a campaign by Iran and Iraq to impose economic sanctions on each other. In Iraq's case the aim has been to sever Iran's oil lifeline through the Straits of Hormuz, while its own diminished exports have been carried through its pipeline to the West. Iran's objective has been to threaten Iraq's allies - especially Kuwait, upon whom Baghdad's capacity to fight on has largely rested.

There are now about 15 foreign warships in the Gulf, including seven American and four Russian (the others are British and French). If these cannot provide adequate protection for essential shipping, then the powers must think again about their tactics.

There has long been a fear in the West - and no doubt in Moscow as well - that if nobody interfered in the Gulf War, the Iranians would probably win it. While they have so far seemed incapable of sustaining a victorious offensive, Iran's revolutionary guard have approached too close for anyone's comfort this Spring. While Baghdad remains a distant objective, and must do so for some time to come, the forward edge of the battlefield in the South is now within a few miles of Basra, the Iraqis' second city. Without constant resupply from Mos-

cow, forwarded to Baghdad via friendly countries such as Kuwait or Jordan, the ability of President Saddam Hussein to continue would be doubtful. It is Iraq which wants to involve the great powers - if only to bring Ayatollah Khomeini to the negotiating table - and Iran which wants to be left to carry out its push for total victory.

The attack on the Stark is an outrage. But it is hardly in Western interests either to make a graceful exit from the war or to take retaliatory action against Iraq. The Gulf War has gone on far too long and should be ended. This is more easily said than done. The only hope is that, with both superpowers forced into a kind of unholy alliance by the fighting, joint pressure has become a possibility, given the improved (if rather uneven) East-West relations in other theatres. While they do not themselves control the economic fortunes of Iran, they have sufficient influence worldwide to bring pressure to bear on those who buy its oil - its only significant export. There have also been reports, though unconfirmed, of a greater willingness on Tehran's part, to countenance some kind of compromise.

It has been arguable for some time that it served international interests to allow the two big Gulf powers to fight each other to a standstill. But this argument is wearing thin. Iran looks the more capable of winning; and the great powers have proved incapable of protecting some of the world's most essential shipping. The attack on the Stark means that the those powers should act to bring the Gulf War to an end.

## Labour and schools

From Mr George Walker Sir, I may have led a more sheltered professional life than John Rae (feature, May 8) but in my experience in a secondary modern, grammar school, university, and three comprehensive schools I have never met teachers who wanted to achieve less than the very best for their pupils.

In a democratic society undergoing rapid social, economic and demographic change, it is not surprising if "the very best" is open to different interpretations, but I cannot remember the last Labour government asking schools to abandon homework or to sacrifice academic achievement. Indeed, it was that government which first proposed a core curriculum and its leader, James Callaghan, who urged schools to make contacts with industry and commerce.

The real lesson of that period, which has clearly escaped John

## Spelling problems

From Mrs Heather Fogg Sir, "What sex is your bank?" asks Maggie Drummond (Monday Page, May 11). I should like to suggest that financial institutions could give a useful service to people of both sexes by providing a list of the words for numbers on the inside of cheque book covers.

As an adult literacy tutor I have found that such spellings are very difficult for many of my students to remember. Some of them have asked me to compile lists like these to place in their cheque books. Yours faithfully, HEATHER FOGG, Silver Birch, High Molewood, Hertford.

## A waiting game

From Dr Alec Hyatt King Sir, I do agree that Mrs McGraw's cat (letter, May 14) expects fish to emerge from the tap. He sits in the sink because he probably hopes to catch occasional drips on his paw. He should be offered a saucer of water. Yours faithfully, ALEC HYATT KING, 29 Lauradale Road, N2.

## Abbey discord

From Ms Anne Dickinson Sir, Those who treasure Westminster Abbey's musical excellence must be grateful to Clifford Longley for his piece (May 12) about the resignation of Simon Preston as Organist and Master of the Chorists. There will be many thousands who were stunned to read the public advertisement for Mr Preston's post before they were aware of his resignation and they may be excused a gut reaction that someone had "pulled a fast one".

As anyone who attends the abbey's sung Eucharists can testify, it is surely a specious argument that it has proved difficult to combine older, classical musical settings with modern liturgical texts, for the juxtaposition of both heightens the intensity of each.

As a Royal Peculiar, Westminster Abbey belongs not only to this nation and its Common-

Rae, is that the provision of "equally good educational opportunities for all children" is simply not enough. We must also address the question of why so many are apparently unwilling or unable to take advantage of them.

A generation of teachers has been frustrated by the mirage of "grammar schools for all" - a politicians' deception - but in recent years significant progress has been made towards a more appropriate school curriculum which does indeed offer the prospect of a better educated and trained nation.

John Rae can afford to take a "simple view of the aim of education", but to those of us responsible for delivering it nothing seems simple except the national folly of ill-judged criticism of teachers.

Yours faithfully, GEORGE WALKER, Headmaster, The Cavendish School, Warners End Road, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire.

## Strength of IRA

From Sir John Biggs-Davison Sir, The "aspiration towards a united Ireland" has grown less fervent since Fr John Buckley (letter, May 13) was born in the Republic. In the Dail elections a Conservative & Unionist candidate, without resources, scored more than 1,000 first preference votes in Cork. And the South knows that the North would be indigestible.

In Northern Ireland hardly any Protestants and, according to Fr Denis Faul, only about 20 per cent of Catholics would vote for a united Ireland. It could only come about through a reunification of our islands.

As for the unequal Anglo-Irish agreement, it has alienated the overwhelming majority, been made the occasion of renewed sectarian murders and sometimes placed the RUC between two fires. RUC and Garda Siochana often work well together; but what has the agreement done for cross-border security?

Sound treaties are based on reciprocity not the unilateral abridgement of sovereignty. Your obedient servant, JOHN BIGGS-DAVISON, House of Commons.

wealth but, in a wider sense, to the whole world. It is not a parish church and members of its congregations come from all corners of the globe rightly expecting to hear the very best music of all periods.

Your Correspondent quotes the abbey precentor's view that the "Anglican music which exists for the ASB is not of a very high quality". If this is the music which is now to be used, Simon Preston - a superlative musician - will be applauded by many more than Tallis and Byrd for his stance against mediocrity and his splendid stewardship of a great musical heritage.

The hundreds of thousands throughout the world who would support his stance will be left wondering if the wrong person has been forced into a resignation, which it is surely not too late to rescind.

I remain, Sir, yours faithfully, ANNE DICKINSON, 25A Greycot Gardens, SW1.

## Happy campers

From Mr M. F. Levey Sir, Your correspondent of May 12, P/MX517892, does well to recall with affection HMS Royal Arthur. He, however, was on his way in. Many will remember with ever greater pleasure the later period when "Skeggy" was a dispersal depot crammed with ratings from Allied navies joyously awaiting "demob".

Long-serving barrack stanchions enjoyed such securities as postman, baker, swimming pool cleaner and (in my case) Wren's clothing store assistant. Around us clung the end-of-term euphoria of Jack on the verge of an endless run-ashore.

No one present will ever forget the VE-day parade, in the presence of the chic-est Wren of all, the Duchess of Kent, sometime Princess Marina, when an experienced, mentally-minded rating in charge of the (recorded) martial music of the *adagio lugubroso* speeded from *adagio lugubroso* to "A Life on the Ocean Wave" to *prestissimo* ("Heart of Oak") to a manic soprano key which made

the Royal Marines band sound like an orchestra of tin whistles. It was almost worth having a war for. Yours faithfully, M. F. LEVEY (CX545569), 41 Laurier Road, NWS.

## Police priorities

From Mr G. R. Owens Sir, On Monday morning, while driving through Faringdon, Oxfordshire, I swerved and accelerated to pass a car which had been pulled out from a side road in front of me. In doing so I passed through a police speed trap and was correctly stopped for exceeding 30mph, although the other car was waved on!

The two policemen involved were good-natured, courteous and their attitude was in the best traditions of good police/public relations. I was correctly fined £24, my licence will be endorsed and I can have no complaints.

The previous week in Taunton, Somerset, my wife had her much treasured engagement ring stolen from a jeweller's shop where she had left it for some minor work to

be carried out. Two youths were reportedly responsible, one watching whilst the other went into the rear of the shop and removed a handful of jewellery.

On Tuesday lunchtime in a London restaurant my youngest daughter had her handbag stolen from where she had placed it. Again two youths were involved: one of them was assumed to have crawled under tables and chairs to get at the bag. The same restaurant had apparently suffered several similar thefts over the past few weeks, but no warnings had been posted or precautions taken.

I wonder if the Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police might be encouraged to detach some of his surplus manpower to his hard-pressed colleagues in Somerset and Avon and the Metropolitan Police. Alternatively, perhaps he should pass on to them the secret of his success in fighting crime. Yours sincerely, GRAHAM OWENS, Half Yard, Fitzhead, Taunton, Somerset, May 13.











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THE ARTS

Building blocks

Last night's BBC Design Awards (BBC2) set out to look at the environment. Judges plodded around hill sites and reservoirs and office buildings, looking for anything that could plausibly be described as less than awful. In committee, they did not mince their words: Heathrow's Terminal 4 was "the shed of all the sheds" while the Toshiba Gallery at the V & A was "cardboard cut-out cheapo". Out went the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, the new Kew conservatory and Paddington tube station (I should think so too), and we were left with five enterprising schemes.

Of them, the one with real magic was a tiny oratory for nuns in Cumbria. It was difficult to get an impression of the White Horse Hill site at Uffington from the shots

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shows. One jury member suggested that the calm and harmonious Megeath reservoir scheme in Lothian needed a touch of magic: a few red houses, he suggested. But the magic was surely there already, in not disturbing the countryside. Now we can choose the winner with our vote on the form in the Radio Times.

The Cutting Edge, scheduled by ITV at the bizarre hour of 7pm, makes odd pre-Coronation Street viewing. It shows what frightfully nice and normal chaps Oxford scientists are. There was great deal of yachting and footballing and rather too little explanation by these extremely intelligent people of what they were actually up to. The moral seemed to be that, higher education funding being what it is these days, most of these bright people would end up in America.

A few of them could perhaps have earned a penny or two by giving scientific advice to a new series for kids, *Abra-cadabra* (Channel 4, 5.30pm). This tackled the subject of lasers in a breathless, jokey, pop-video style: a mock interview with Einstein, cartoons about prehistoric laser war scenarios. Is this really the best our children will accept?

William Holmes

The performing camera

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Rapports Photographers' Gallery

For some years, we have been able to take it for granted that photography is an art in its own right. But the relationship between it and the other fine arts remains hazy and confused. On the one hand, photographers often seem determined to poach on the preserves of painters, performance artists and such. On the other, painters and sculptors are more than willing to appropriate whatever they can from photography.

In London shows at the moment, photography as performance seems to predominate. What this curious phrase usually means is that the photographer, like some of his mid-Victorian forebears, first of all stages a scene or tableau of some kind, then carefully photographs it, so that one frequently finds it impossible to be quite sure whether the essential of the resulting artwork is the performance — which the picture merely records — or the picture for which the materials are constructed in front of the camera.

A perfect instance of this ambiguity is to be found in the work of Boyd Webb, which occupies the whole of the Whitechapel Art Gallery until June 21. His very large colour photographs are staged with considerable elaboration, building intricate sets and getting human participants to perform, usually to vaguely surrealistic effect.

Many critics and collectors think that Webb's work is very important and significant. I can never quite understand

John Russell Taylor enjoys the Gallic flair of some of photography's better developments



Bernard Faucon's mix: dummies and a living figure sprawl in a *Siesta After a Melon Festival*

why. To me, Webb seems like a rather heavy-handed camp joker, a sort of photographic Glen Baxter. Except that Baxter's drawings are light and simple enough to be taken without trouble at any level, whereas Webb's photographs obviously entail so much setting-up that one cannot help wondering whether all the effort is not out of proportion to the smile or giggle it elicits. Unless, of course, the tableaux are all meant to be fraught with deeper meaning.

Are they? It is, of course, possible to inflate them as images of man cut adrift in a hostile or uncaring universe. Some of them show characters literally at sea — or as literally as Webb's Fellini-like studio re-creations will allow. Others have men (or mundane arti-

cles like an electric toaster) floating among the studio stars. One of the more memorable images in this show, *Nourish*, has a man being sucked by what looks like the barnacled underside of a whale.

Another, *Abyssogramme*, shows two telephones meeting at the surface of a simulated sea. It is the sort of thing which would make a nice, provocative postcard to send a friend, but at this size, with all the weight of a major gallery show, the result cannot but seem pretentious.

Where Boyd Webb's frozen moments are often merely irritating, those of the French photographer Bernard Faucon are hauntingly suggestive. The show of his work — at the ICA until June 12 — has two parts.

The chronologically earlier features a lot of his pictures with shop-window dummies posed in natural environments, with sometimes a living figure mixed in among them.

The second section gives us the first complete showing of his series *Les Chambres d'amour*, which creates a variety of subtly or mysteriously erotic moods mainly by absence: the room sprayed with artificial cobwebs, or with long grass growing all over the floor, or with a human shape faintly etched on the wall, and not wholly explicable — emotional colourings.

The pictures are also technically fascinating, printed with the utmost delicacy by a four-colour carbon process

used only in one Paris atelier. Unmistakably a lot of thought and staging has gone into these pictures, but they still have the air of having somehow just happened, to be caught unaware by Faucon's camera.

One of the four young Berlin artists showing downstairs until May 31, Thomas Wachweger, exhibits photographs as well as paintings. But happily the photographs look like photographs and the paintings look like paintings, without unnecessary ambiguity. The other artists on show are the painter Ina Barfuss and the sculptors Gerd Rohling (who, to judge by his "art glass" pieces made out of morsels of abandoned plastic, must be in eager competition with Tony Cragg on the rubbish dumps of the world) and Olaf Metzel, maker of the most controversial piece in Berlin's Kurfürstendamm sculpture walk.

The 12 contemporary French artists in the Photographers' Gallery show *Rapports* (half of which is on until May 23 and the other half, rather confusingly, until May 30) have varying attitudes towards the desirability of taking the reality before their camera as it comes, or subtly rearranging it, or creating a wholly artificial construct. In practice, most settle for the middle ground: an element of staging is nearly always present.

Henry Lewis seems to be recording performance art (presumably his own), of a faintly masochistic tinge. Yves d'Ans poses himself in front of, around, and almost indistinguishably from, existing paintings. Christian Milovanoff likes to isolate unexpected sections of paintings on the walls of the Louvre, so that they take on some peculiar significance of their own. The team of Gilbert Gormezano and Pierre Minor places a naked human figure among rocks and roots in such a way that he almost becomes a part of his surroundings.

The results are lively and unpredictable, and, taken along with the Faucons, strongly suggest that French photography today is alive and well and eminently worth a serious look.

From the left

CONCERT

Gemini Purcell Room

A long, weak and meandering Gemini concert was brought to a firm conclusion with a performance of Eisler's *Das rumische Kantate*, written in 1935 to Brecht's adaptation of an anti-fascist novel by Ignazio Silone. It is a piece which gains strength from the composer's evident feeling that he not only had to voice the right sentiments but also take account of what he had inherited from his teacher, Schoenberg.

The scoring, for soprano with two clarinets, violin and cello, brings the music into the ambit of *Pierrot lunaire*, to which Eisler had much earlier paid homage with one of his first published works, *Palmstrom*, composed before his political commitment forced a break with Schoenberg. Just as significantly, the cantata uses 12-note principles, albeit within a fundamentally tonal language.

Perhaps there is some irony here, since the first movement's text notes that now

"every day brings a new law", whereas the popes managed to rule with just five: if one interprets this in musical terms, then Schoenberg is being aligned with Mussolini.

Yet the music does not invite one to understand serialism as an image of the unbearable stench with which the city of Rome is afflicted: rather the trenchant harmony is the means by which a troubled accusatory passion is expressed.

The piece was clearly and forcefully delivered by Mary Wiegold, who was less happily saddled with showing — in a performance of the offensive *Three Lullabies (for Worker Mothers)* — what happened when Eisler's political sympathies overwhelmed his artistic obligations, not to mention his sheer good sense and humanity.

At least the other works in the concert did not pretend to be playing any game seriously. Dave Smith's *Aragonesca*, a set of Cuban dance pieces for the quartet of the Eisler cantata, was played first and seemed nice but pointless. As the evening wore on, though, it was remembered with increasing fondness.

Paul Griffiths

Junge Deutsche Philharmonie CO/ Christophers Elizabeth Hall

In 1980 the Junge Deutsche Philharmonie began its own chamber orchestra — heard in Sunday's instalment of the Festival of German Arts — and the Ensemble Modern, whose turn came last night.

Both groups operate on the principle of self-management. The players decide what to play and with whom to play it, and the fact that here the chamber orchestra chose works by Henze — when many young professionals might disdain anything quite as avant garde — was in itself cause for pleasure. One ought to remember, though, that this composer's *Doppio Concerto* is now past its 20th birthday.

It was also something of a surprise that they should have engaged Harry Christophers to conduct them, for his reputation rests largely in the sphere of renaissance polyph-

ony. Even his recent excursions into baroque music have raised a few eyebrows. What would he make of Henze?

As it happened, he directed confidently and tidily, with the soloists — Klaus Becker (oboe) and Ursula Holliger (harp) — making the most of the abundant lyrical opportunities and technical challenges afforded by this work.

The playing of the young string orchestra was full-toned and mature in every sense, as it was in Rudolf Barshai's arrangements of Shostakovich's Tenth Quartet, which in its new guise is called, for some reason, a Chamber Symphony. Even though one inevitably missed the sheer bite of the original, the rhythms here seemed especially well-sprung.

Richard Strauss's sextet from *Capriccio*, similarly expanded to make it suitable for this group, provided the lushness of horns d'oeuvres while Mozart's B Flat Major Cassation, K39/63a sent us away dancing.

Stephen Pettitt

All in the mind

LONDON DEBUTS

The young baritone Simon Keenlyside has spent most of his life in music (Richard Fairman writes). First a chorister and then a choral scholar at St John's College, Cambridge, he has pursued a singing career that has led to a number of major awards, culminating in the 1986 Richard Tauber Prize which brought him his London debut at the Wigmore Hall.

As one might expect of a singer from this background, it is intelligence, as much as pure voice that is the spur to his singing. The basic demands of style, language and interpretation already seem to be firmly grasped: his handling of Ravel's enchanting *Jeune fille de nature* was especially authoritative.

Where the performances fell short, it was usually a question of scale. As an instrument, his light and cultivated warm baritone is pleasing enough, but it has not yet built up the reserves of force that will be needed to project in a large

hall. Britten's *Songs and Proverbs of William Blake* also asks for a more powerful range of contrasts, though Keenlyside certainly has a real feeling for the cycles poetry.

A sensitive account of Schumann's *Dichterliebe* ended the recital. In the future the voice needs, and will surely get, careful nurturing; but there will be no harm in him pushing his personality harder at the audience now. All the right ideas are there.

The Britten String Quartet has a refreshingly direct approach to performance and the technique to sustain a gamble or two in interpretation (Noel Goodwin writes). The quartet was formed last year by young players whose various associations with major orchestras have already cost the group one festival engagement this summer.

The Wigmore Hall programme centred on their eponymous composer's Quartet No 1 from 1941, filled with wonderful invention and superbly calculated effects of timbre and texture, rhythm and tonality. The players have cultivated a sheen on their tone with the glint of polyester rather than the shimmer of silk, and this gave the work a sharpness and clarity of phrase that made it sound newly-minted.

It was framed by Mozart in C major, K465, played with brightness of spirit — if a touch prosaic in sentiment — and by that exhilarating post-*Aida* Quartet in which Verdi matched resource of technique with his lyrical idiom.

Judge and injury

THEATRE

Mumbo Jumbo Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith

This, the first play by the Ulster schoolmaster-politician Robin Glendinning, attempts to take on both the world of the public school and the political world of Ulster. There are intriguing connections between the two, certainly, but the mix is only fitfully coherent.

The best parts of the play deal with adolescent male relationships — bonding with and betrayal by both fellows and parents. The tragically topical fact that the hero, Barry Dunham, is a judge assassinated by the IRA seems only partially relevant: the pompous, excessive stress on rationality and impartiality which frustrates his relationship with his son is an important and affecting human factor, but the political dimension is extrinsic.

Politically the play does not tell us much that is new. The school's English dean, played with all the time-honoured



Learning lessons: (left) John Elmes and Michael Grandage

schoolmasterly mannerisms of a Chips or Crocker-Harris by Alan MacNaughtan, has a novel method of inculcating moderation, by training the class to chant Vachel Lindsay's *The Congo*.

This irony provides director Nicholas Hytner with an opportunity for a spectacularly tribal opening number, but I am not sure that it reveals much about Ulster.

*Mumbo Jumbo* is much more rewarding on a purely human level. It suddenly comes to life at the start of the second half in a bedroom scene between Barry and his mother, which exposes the triangle of family relationships with much more truth and less portentousness.

Their prophet, our loss

RADIO

Having taken us through the Bible last year in *The Good Book*, Brian Redhead is as good a man as any to go dipping into Islam. In programme one of *The Pillars of Islam* (Radio 4, last two Sundays), he looked at the life and times of Muhammad. In programme two he examined the Jihad, or Holy War, an idea which we are inclined to see only in its literal manifestations.

We know amazingly little about the beliefs and practices of the 700 million whose religious tradition is so remarkably similar to our own. Our minds, as Redhead reminded us, are befogged with notions which have drifted down from times as remote as the Crusades. Blood-thirsty Saracens waving scimitars blend unnoticed into bearded freedom fighters waving Kalashnikovs. We have formed the general impression that Muslim equals fanatic.

The impression given by this pair of programmes has been something of a corrective. The prophet himself has emerged as a man of large humanity — in many ways a warmer, more appealing figure than the Christ of the gospels. One of his companions said of him: "I have never seen anyone who smiled more than the Envoy of Allah." As for Jihad, Muhammad is on record as saying "The holy warrior is he who struggles with himself".

This was the man to whom it was possible for the angel to appear on Mount Hira. How striking that when he repeated the angel's words — the opening of the Koran — to a relative, he, a Christian, answered: "It is the same message which God sent to Moses."

A timely reminder of Christian fanaticism has been on display in *The Star of Light* (Radio 4) which concluded just over a week ago even better than it began. What was the use of all those savage English martyrdoms which John Foxe assembled in

his *Acts and Monuments*, some of which were ingeniously recapitulated here? Foxe himself, in Colin McLaren's version, knew why he had collected them — to promote fortitude in adversity — but Thomas Grigsby, the character presented as wishing to make a popular abridgement, revealed other motives. By popularizing this history of persecution, his only wish was to inspire revenge.

Not so long ago we knew as little about sex as we now know about Islam, and some idea of the profundity of our ignorance was presented in *20th Century Sex* (Radio 4, Tuesdays, repeating Fridays), the first of a promising six-part series from the redoubtable Peter Everett. He will be telling us of the changes in our attitudes and habits which have crowded into the last 40 years. Sex used to be silence: now it is obsession.

David Wade

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An august achievement

Lindsay Anderson has four times had feature films in Cannes competition, and won the Palme d'Or in 1969 with *If*. His new film was selected for screening to the Prince and Princess of Wales on their visit to the festival last week. There is some piquancy in recalling that his last Cannes film, *Brianna Hospital*, concerned a farcically catastrophic Royal visit.

David Robinson in Cannes

tries hard to resist the strains of the relationship. In the course of two days and the night between their affections and conflicts ebb and flow like the summer tides outside the house.

The performances of Lillian Gish and Bette Davis are miraculous: both are great actresses, as well as enduring stars. Lillian Gish's Sarah, her face reflecting every fleeting emotion, is gentle and submissive, though she can flare into indignation. Bette Davis's Libby is cantankerous in self-defence.

Their best scenes are often in their solitary moments — Libby groping among her souvenirs and brushing her face with a fading lock of hair; Sarah conducting a little ceremony to mark the anniversary of her dear departed.

The scene gives Miss Gish a line of dialogue which says everything about both this performance and her extraordinary artistic history (*The Whales of August* commemorates her 75th year in films and her 85th in the theatre): "Passion and truth. That's all we need."

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Benedetti  
buys into  
Pearson

A 4.9 per cent stake in Pearson, the publishing and manufacturing group, has been acquired by Cerus, a French industrial company controlled by CIR which is a major shareholder in Olivetti.

The stake was bought from Union Faith, an associate of Hutchison Whampoa, the company recently tipped as a possible bidder for Pearson.

Mr Carlo de Benedetti, chairman of both Cerus and Olivetti, has told Lord Blakenham, chairman of Pearson, that the holding is a long-term investment and that he fully supports the policies of the Pearson board.

There has been mounting speculation that Pearson, valued at around £1.3 billion, would soon be the subject of a hostile takeover bid. Analysts said the company's break-up value was much higher than its market value. Meanwhile, Mr Michel David-Weill, a Pearson director, holds a friendly 7 per cent stake.

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Maxwell bid

Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher, has begun what could be his largest takeover with a \$2 billion (£1.2 billion) bid for the US publisher Harcourt Brace and Jovanovich.

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Retail sales  
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Record rise could  
hit trade figures

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Spending in the shops jumped to record levels last month, helped by the unusually good weather. Retail sales had their biggest monthly increase since June 1979.

The figures support government claims about the buoyancy of the economy. But they are likely to add to concerns about credit growth and the balance of payments.

The Department of Trade and Industry's index of retail sales volume increased by 3.8 per cent last month, compared with City expectations of a 1 to 1.5 per cent rise.

A recovery had been expected in April but the size of the increase was a surprise. The good weather produced a bumper Easter for stores, with sales of women's clothing leading the rise.

The average weekly value of spending rose to £1.9 billion, from £1.77 billion in March. In addition, people appear

to have upped their spending in expectation of the mortgage rate and tax cuts which took effect this month.

In this, consumers seem to have ignored the small squeeze on income last month, resulting from the adjustment of net mortgage payments to take account of the reduction in the basic rate of income tax from 29p to 27p in the pound.

Last month's sharp rise in retail sales came after several months in which high street spending had been relatively depressed, despite the continued strong growth of personal disposable income.

The index of sales volume rose to 130.3 (1980 = 100) last month, from 125.5 in March. The previous record was 127.8, last November.

But the latest increase, which took the volume of sales to 8 per cent above the April 1986 level, suggests the

strong rise in spending of last year has resumed.

DTI officials said it was sensible to take the March and April figures together, suggesting a rise of just over 1 per cent a month in sales volume over the two months.

"We've come back well in April," said Mr Richard Weir, director general of the Retail Consortium. "Demand is there because of a combination of confidence and greater disposable income in the system."

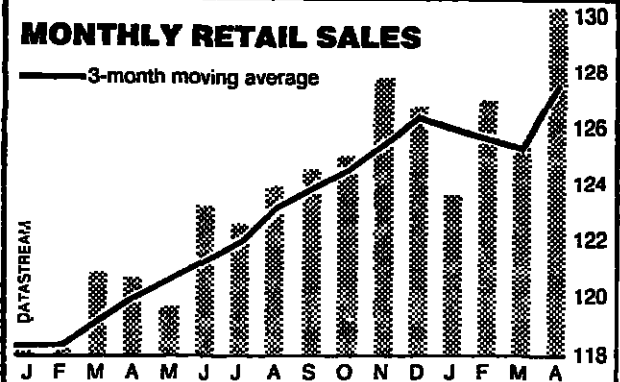
He predicted that the volume of retail sales this year would show a 5 per cent rise, similar to last year's 5.2 per cent rise.

One effect of this will be to produce strong growth in value-added-tax revenues, as in the 1986-87 financial year.

But the strength of retail sales could turn out to be a double-edged sword, particularly if they resulted in higher imports. The April trade figures are due next week.

"The balance of payments has looked better than expected, but the monthly pattern is likely to go into the red," said Mr Steven Bell, senior economist at Morgan Grenfell.

"If you are worried about the economy growing too fast, these figures do sound a note of caution, particularly for the economy after the election," said Mr Mike Osborne, chief economist at Kleinwort Grieveson.



'Overseas competitors want  
to catch British disease'

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Overseas competitors still talk about the "British disease" but now ask how they can catch it, says Mr John Banham, the director general of the Confederation of British Industry.

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Alan Deal: no outright rejection of the Midsummer offer

Midsummer bids  
for Riley Leisure

By Cliff Fetham

The stock market cued up for a major battle last night after Midsummer Leisure, the discotheques to pub group, launched a hostile £15.7 million takeover bid for Riley Leisure, Britain's biggest snooker group where Mr Steve Davis, the world champion, is a shareholder.

Midsummer - created out of the old Camra real ale business - claims Riley's chain of 68 snooker clubs are poorly run.

Mr Adam Page, the chairman, said: "We are prepared to spend £2 million giving them a facelift. People no longer want to play snooker in a spit and sawdust atmosphere. Riley has been too busy worrying about selling tables to places like Belize and Dubai instead of licking its business into shape at home."

Midsummer's 3-for-13 share swap sent Riley shares shooting up 22p to 97p, just 2p above the value of the bid. A week ago, before takeover speculation, they stood at 58p. There is a cash alternative of 75p.

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Saunders plea  
to Guinness  
shareholders

By Lawrence Lever

Mr Ernest Saunders, the former chairman and chief executive of Guinness, is to make representations to Guinness shareholders ahead of the annual meeting a week tomorrow, claiming that inadequate reasons have been given for his dismissal.

His solicitor said yesterday that he had not ruled out the possibility of Mr Saunders appearing personally at the meeting in London, where a resolution to remove him as director will be put to the vote.

"A decision on the form of the representations Mr Saunders will make is imminent," Mr Stephen Ralph, of Payne Hicks Beach said yesterday, adding that Mr Saunders may instead "send a circular to every Guinness shareholder."

Mr Saunders would have to meet the costs of sending a circular to Guinness's shareholders himself. Other options considered by Mr Saunders and his advisers include giving Sir Norman Macfarlane, the new chairman, a statement from Mr Saunders to be read out to the meeting. Mr Ralph also said yesterday that some might appear at the meeting to make representations on Mr Saunders' behalf.

Mr Saunders has already warned that "those who are responsible for my current situation will be exposed." However, Mr Ralph would not be drawn on the precise content of his client's representations to shareholders, or whether Mr Saunders would be pointing the finger at individuals. Nevertheless he said Mr Saunders' communication to shareholders "will cause some factual researching to be done."

He said Mr Saunders "will put certain factual matters to the shareholders" and that, as a consequence, "they will

want to make their own enquiries of the company."

It is likely that Mr Saunders' representations will claim that Guinness has never given adequate reasons for his summary dismissal as chairman and chief executive in January. "There is a great deal more which Guinness should explain. The company has to make clear its reasons for Mr Saunders' dismissal," said Mr Ralph. "There is a paucity of information in the recent chairman's statement."

He added that "quite a number of Guinness shareholders have contacted Mr Saunders," expressing their support. However, he confirmed that none were institutional shareholders.

Mr Saunders maintains he had no interest "in the alleged improper payments to others" and that he had neither knowledge in, or part of, any unlawful share support operation in connection with the bid for Distillers. He is understood to maintain that minutes of Guinness board meetings will support his version of events.

In the meantime, Mr Saunders has asked Sir David Napley to act as his solicitor for the criminal proceedings he is facing. Sir David's firm, Kingsley Napley, was originally brought in by Mr Saunders to advise Guinness shortly after the DTI investigation began last December. It dropped out when Mr Saunders was sacked.

Sir David is understood to be willing to act for Mr Saunders, taking the view that there would be no conflict of interest in representing him in criminal proceedings to which Guinness is not a party. He is expected, however, to seek guidance from the Law Society before going ahead.

Sangers profits jump  
76% to £1.3 million

By Carol Ferguson

Sangers Photographics concentrated on expanding its highest profit margins last year, enabling it to report a 76 per cent jump in pretax profits to £1.3 million.

The group, Britain's biggest independent wholesaler of photographic equipment, now serves 1,700 retail outlets, and turnover was up 10 per cent to £27.6 million for the year to February. The final dividend was increased from 1.45p to 1.6p net.

The photographic division, which accounts for some 85 per cent of sales, achieved a 12 per cent increase in turnover

and a 61 per cent rise in profits.

The group has signed up an exclusive deal for the distribution of Sony Video products (including the Sony 8 millimetre video camera), and has deals with Toshiba and Philips for the supply of consumer electrical products to the photographic trade.

Profits at Stanmore Video Services (SVS), the professional video company merged last July, rose by 85 per cent, mainly from the sales, installation and servicing of equipment.

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Petrol price threat

The possibility of petrol, home heating oil and industrial fuel prices moving upwards has grown as the gradual upward trend in world oil prices has continued. North Sea crude is being sold at more than \$19 a barrel, and prices in the US are moving towards \$20.

Heating oil on the Rotterdam wholesale market has increased in price over the past 24 hours because of fears of more interruption to Gulf shipping, tightening of crude

BOC 30% ahead

By Alexandra Jackson

Despite continuing sterling strength, Mr Richard Giordano, the chairman and chief executive of BOC, the industrial gases and healthcare company, confirmed yesterday that he expects the group to achieve at least a 20 per cent growth in pretax profits and earnings per share in the year to the end of September 1987.

In the first half of the year, pretax profits increased by 30 per cent to £119.7 million. Turnover was 2 per cent lower at £112.1 million, currencies having reduced this figure by £100 million. An interim dividend of 5.15p was declared.

City analysts are forecasting annual pretax profits of £260 million compared to £213.4 million last year, struck before an £128 million exceptional writedown against carbon and carbides assets.

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## BUSINESS SUMMARY

## Evered makes £8.4m agreed bid for Hallite

Evered Holdings, the acquisitive industrial group run by the Abdullah brothers, yesterday launched an agreed £8.4 million takeover bid for Hallite, the synthetic seal and hosemaker. Terms of the offer, which is being recommended by the Hallite board, are five Evered shares for every four Hallite shares, valuing each Hallite share at 306p — or 305p in cash for each Hallite share. Before the announcement Hallite shares were changing hands at 250p.

The companies say their polymer interests are complementary. Hallite's products, manufactured to a high specification, are sold mainly to customers involved in precision engineering, while Evered sells to the bulk end of the market. Evered said it anticipated some rationalization benefits from the merger. A bid has been expected since Evered acquired a 24.9 per cent stake in Hallite from Troy Nominees in February. However, Evered was subsequently distracted by the battle for control of London and Northern Group, which it finally acquired for just over £100 million last month.

## Whisky sales rise abroad R-R shares at 50p premium

Scotch whisky exports in the first quarter of this year increased 2 per cent in volume compared with the same period last year. The shipments were valued at £255.4 million, a 5 per cent increase. During 1986, volume exports rose 5 per cent to their highest level since 1982.

Rolls-Royce shares were changing hands at 135p — a premium of 50p over the partly-paid share price — on the "grey market" run by Cleveland Securities yesterday. Dealings on the stock market began tomorrow when it is hoped all investors will have received their allotment letters.

## Three buys for Bunzl

Bunzl, the paper and plastics group, is beefing up its transport and packaging activities with three acquisitions, together worth between £9.6 million and £10.6 million, depending on profitability.

It is buying Mann & Son London (Holdings), Britain's leading automotive shipping agent; Rippon & District Motors, a Pennines parcels carrier and Channel Crossing Matrix, which makes the plastic extrusions used in cartons and printing material. Combined profits of the three companies for 1986 were £2 million, on an aggregate turnover of £20.3 million.

## Asda profits leap by 74%

Asda Property Holdings, the property company floated on the stockmarket two years ago, has announced a 74 per cent leap in its pretax profits from £1.1 million to £1.92 million for the year to end-December. The share price jumped 17p to 530p on the news. There is a final dividend of 3.5p a share, against 3p last time.

## Dale attacks Sunleigh

Mr Iain Dale, Dale Electric chairman, who is attempting to fight off a 128p-a-share bid from Sunleigh Electronics, has questioned the record of the Sunleigh board and the speed of its acquisition programme. He is forecasting profits of more than £1 million for the year just ended and says the bid remains unwanted.

## Japan joint venture

A new factory to produce video cassette recorders and other electronic products is to be built in Scotland following an agreement between Hinar Consumer Electronics of Britain and Shintom of Japan. A new company, Hinar-Shintom (UK), has been formed and the project with an initial investment of £4 million is described as the first joint British-Japanese venture in Scotland.

Hinar said that the siting in Scotland would be "subject to suitable financial assistance being made available." Fifty jobs would be created immediately, rising to 250 "in the near future." Shintom already makes Hinar VCRs for the British market in Japan. Hinar expects sales of £40 million for this year.

## Bank Leu close to selling its stake in Guinness

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

It looks as though Bank Leu, the Swiss bank which has become embroiled in the Guinness scandal may be close to disposing of its near 5 per cent stake in the drinks group.

Shares of Guinness rose 7p to 352p yesterday — its best level, so far, this year — as almost 8 million shares changed hands. This was in spite of reports that Bank Leu was attempting to find buyers for its 41 million shares.

The bank acquired the shares in Guinness as part of a mop-up operation undertaken by Guinness and its advisers after its successful £2.7 billion bid for Distillers last year. The shares were acquired in three tranches. As part of the deal Guinness deposited a sum of £50 million with the bank. The bank has always insisted that this payment was made to protect it from any decline in the value of the stock.

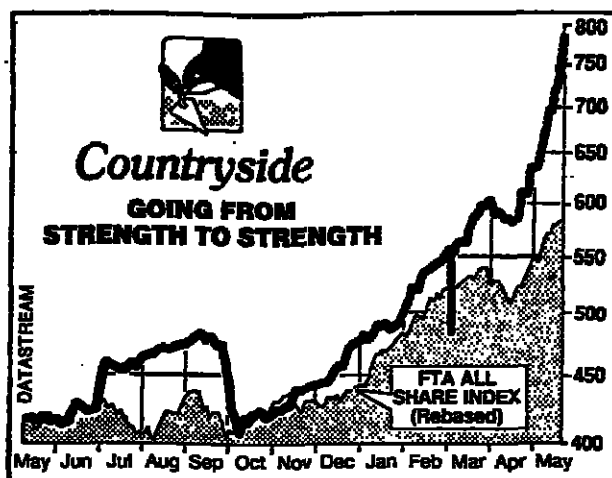
The Guinness share price is now 21p above the level it stood at when the Department of Trade and Industry investigators first launched their inquiry on December 1.

The rest of the market made a nervous start to the second leg of the long three-week account. The disappointing performance on Wall Street over the weekend provided marketmakers with just the excuse they needed to mark prices lower. But the shakeout proved short-lived and the absence of sellers enabled prices to rally later in the session.

The FT 30 share index closed 4.8 higher at a record 1,696.4, having been 8.6 lower the first time. The broader FT-SE 100 index recovered an early 14.2 deficit to finish 2.4 up at a new high of 2,192.1.

But government securities closed with falls ranging to 4½ at the longer end, still feeling the effects of last week's auction. Consumer stocks enjoyed selective support helped by the latest retail sales figures. Boots rose 6p to 308p, Great Universal Stores "A" 29p to £13.85, Marks and Spencer 4p to 254p and Storehouse 6p to 319p.

Clearing banks attracted renewed investment support with buyers paying heed to suggestions that the sector had been unfairly overlooked. Latin American debt un-



certainties and rumours of an impending £500 million rights from Midland had recently served to quell investors' enthusiasm, but Friday's gains were taken a stage further as a more bullish view was taken.

Barclays, ahead of the forthcoming ADR facility, moved up 4p to 562p following a

rival, Hoffman La Roche, had encountered side-effects with DDC, its anti-Aids drug. Patients suffering from the disease are said to have encountered toxicity problems, including rashes and ulcers.

Meanwhile, a report to be published next week in the *New England Journal of Medicine* is expected to show that the mortality rate for those being treated with Retrovir is a lot lower than had been originally expected. Some analysts claim the figure after treatment over the past year could be as low as 10.5 per cent compared with original estimates of 50 per cent.

Countryside Properties, the Essex housebuilder and property developer, continued to hit new heights in a thin market with a rise of 63p to 785p. The shares have been the subject of takeover speculation in the past. Bauristow Eves, the estate agent, was tipped as a possible suitor before it was swallowed

up by Hambros and more recently rival CH Beazer was said to have given Country-side the once over.

But despite the absence of a bid approach, the share price has continued to outperform the market. Interim figures next month should make pleasant reading. The market is looking for pretax profits to climb from £1.3 million to £2 million.

Mr Alan Cherry, chairman, reckons that analysts have been taking another look at the shares and have taken the view they are overdue for a re-rating. Newcomers Charles Church and Wilson Bowden both came to market on higher multiples and the terms of the recent rights issue from Berkeley Group may have also helped.

Normans Group, the food retailer, advanced a further 5p to 77.5p after confirmation of a report in this column on Saturday that it had talks on

possible co-operation with the New Zealand entrepreneur, Mr Ron Brierley, and Rainbow Corp. The group has been confirmed that the Rainbow Corp had built up a 4.9 per cent stake in the company.

GECC, the cash-rich electrical giant, encountered fresh support on reports that Hanson Trust had increased its stake in the company to 4 per cent.

Despite a terse "no comment" from Hanson on stories that it had recently doubled its original 2 per cent shareholding in GECC, the latter's shares advanced 13p at one stage, before closing 9p up on balance at a year's high of 246p on turnover of nearly 30 million shares.

Sharp and Law, the shopping group involved in numerous high street refurbishment programmes for household names like Burton, Marks and Spencer, Barclays Bank and Next, staged an impressive debut on the Unlisted Securities Market. L. Messel, the broker, placed 2.5 million shares (30 per cent) of the enlarged equity at 125p a share. They opened sharply higher at 170p and following a good turn-over closed at 159p — a premium of 34p.

## ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	2,000	English China	410	Rank Org	15
Amstrad	1,400	Fisons	438	Rank Hovis	55
Anglo	2,200	Gen Accident	547	Redland	1,200
ASDA-A&F	5,000	Gen Acc	42,000	Rickett Colman	584
Ass Bt Foods	1,700	Glozo	903	Reed Int	436
BET	1,100	Globe IT	307	Reuters	43
BTR	1,900	Granada	1,000	RMG Corp	11
BAT	1,500	Grand Mart	1,500	RTZ	2,100
Barclays	1,500	GUS A*	4	Rowlands	4,300
Bass	553	GRIE	737	Royal of Bt Scott	2,400
Beecham	1,100	GKN	1,800	Royal Ins	12
Bovis	2,200	Guinness	3,800	Satchi	61
Brace	3,700	Harcourt	3,500	Sainsbury (J)	43
BPG Ind	308	Hawley/Saville	790	Sears	10,000
BPGCC	308	Hiltason	1,100	Sedgwick Gp	12,000
Bovis	2,200	Imp Chem Ind	1,500	Shell	3,200
Brace	3,700	Jaguar	3,500	Sherratt & Nephew	2,200
BPG Ind	308	Ladbroke	4,200	STC	2,200
BPGCC	308	Land Securities	2,600	Stan Chart	620
Bovis	2,200	Legal & Gen	324	Storehouse	159
Brace	3,700	Leeds	800	Sub Alliance	500
BPG Ind	308	Lochno	866	Tarmac	1,400
BPGCC	308	Marks & Spencer	1,700	TSB PIP	5,400
Bovis	2,200	M&P	672	Tesco	48,000
Brace	3,700	M&P	672	Thorn EMI	2,000
BPG Ind	308	Nat West	4,500	Thorn House	145
BPGCC	308	Ned	300	Trusthouse Forte	1,200
Bovis	2,200	P & O D/rd	1,700	Unigate	14
Brace	3,700	Pearson	131	Unilever	1,500
BPG Ind	308	P&O D/rd	1,700	Unilever	1,500
BPGCC	308	Plessey	2,100	Wellcome	3,400
Bovis	2,200	Prudential	4,500	Whitbread A*	1,600
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# Unilever profits up 48% to £349m for first quarter

By John Bell, City Editor

Unilever, the fats, foods and detergents group, surprised the City yesterday with an exceptionally strong first-quarter performance showing profits up 48 per cent in sterling terms to £349 million. The group's shares rose 180p to £30.48 in early trading.

Europe was a particularly bright spot with operating profits rising 39 per cent to £223 million on turnover just 2 per cent higher at £2,719 million. All leading product groups contributed.

Unilever said it was benefiting from the extensive rationalization in Europe over the past few years which weeded out loss-makers and marginal profit contributors.

The group sold more than 50 operations, which generated more than £2,000 million of sales but little profit, between 1984 and 1986.

North America saw a turnaround from losses of £12 million in the first three months of last year to a profit of £53 million this time.

Chesebrough-Pond's, the US consumer products group, boosted the group's attributable profits by £7 million.

Other US companies made progress, particularly the household goods side. The personal products business, however, reported a loss.

The US in general benefited from the fact that there were no large product launch expenses in the first quarter.

Results from North America exclude those Chesebrough-Pond's companies like the Stauffer chemicals companies which are intended for sale. Unilever's businesses in the rest of the world performed well with outstanding contributions from Latin America and the Far East.

At group level, the results were flattered by a number of exceptional factors. A change in the group's conservative depreciation policy foreshadowed last year has raised operating profits by £16 million but comparative figures have been adjusted to take account of the changes.

Chesebrough-Pond's continuing activities have lifted operating profits by 17 per cent and turnover by 6 per cent.

Exchange rate movements did not have a major impact in the quarter but the accounting period contained six days more than the corresponding period in 1986. The group's operating margins were at a record 8.4 per cent.

Mr Michael Angus, chairman of Unilever plc, said: "This was an excellent quarter. While we do not expect profit growth to continue at this rate for the rest of the year, we remain confident that we will continue to make good progress."

Analysts were upgrading their full-year forecasts to about £1,475 million yesterday after the better-than-expected first-quarter results.



Michael Angus: Confident of good progress

## NAPF tougher on share issues

By Our City Editor

Britain's pension funds have released tougher guidelines on share issues where existing holders do not have the right of first refusal.

The new guidelines propose a more flexible attitude than that recently adopted by members of the Association of British Insurers, who impose a limit on issues of 2½ per cent of existing capital.

But pension funds will in future look critically at attempts to override the preemptive rights of shareholders

which would result in an increase in issued capital of more than 12½ per cent in any five-year period.

This approach, set out in a letter from Mr John McLachlan, the chairman of the National Association of Pension Funds investment committee, appears to be less restrictive. But he stresses that no one should assume it is undermining the ABI.

The dispute over preemptive rights follows a string of recent issues of equity in

overseas markets and the revival of devising of cheaper or more flexible financing techniques than conventional rights issues. Three developments were causing concern.

The issue of stock to non-shareholders at an effective discount was said to be justified by placing stock with new and overseas holders. "We find no justification for this practice, which in a global market merely creates a potential arbitrage profit at the expense of existing shareholders," said Mr McLachlan.

Secondly, companies were now issuing for cash, certain forms of near-equity without rights of pre-emption. "Since all cash raising should only be undertaken for the benefit of shareholders as a whole, it would be reasonable to expect company managements to accept the spirit as well as the letter of the pre-emption principle," he said.

There was also some concern over the cumulative effect of the disappearance of pre-emption rights over a number of years.

## Aisher has offer for Marina stake

By Joe Joseph

Marina Development Group, the boating and leisure company which has hit some stormy waters since joining the Unlisted Securities Market last summer, has been approached by yet another bidder eager to take it on board.

The company, one of the largest marina operators in Europe, said yesterday that its chairman, Mr Robin Aisher, and MURO Investments Ltd, which represents the interests of various members of the Aisher family, had been offered 125p a share for the 41 per cent of Marina's equity they hold between them.

But Mr Barry Perry, Marina's managing director, told *The Times*: "The board hasn't received an offer at all. Robin Aisher told me he was speaking to someone who was interested in buying his and MURO's shares."

Mr Perry added that Mr Aisher, who had kept all the

negotiations with Marina's suitors very private, had just left on a trip to New Zealand. "How serious the offer is, I just don't know," said Mr Perry, who explained that Marina had been forced into disclosing the approach after the sharp rise in its shares. They have climbed from about 110p at the start of the month on bid speculation and gained 10p yesterday to 133p.

Marina has been in takeover talks before, but Mr Perry said the latest approach had come from a new bidder.

If the sale goes ahead it would result in an offer being made for the rest of Marina's shares in line with Rule 9 of the City Code, also at 125p.

Marina last month admitted that late deliveries of orders meant that pretax profits for the year to March could turn out to be up to 35 per cent slimmer than the £770,000 forecast last July.

## US rates may rise after Fed review

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The powerful federal open market committee of the Federal Reserve Board, the US central bank, met in a closed session yesterday to review monetary policy in an atmosphere of strong concern that rising inflation will lead to another rise in interest rates.

There was widespread expectation in the markets that the Fed would be forced to tighten monetary policy, thus pushing up rates further, to counter the return of an inflationary psychology, triggered by rising prices and the falling dollar.

But analysts gave a warning that the Fed had to walk a difficult tightrope between fighting inflation and preventing another recession. The slowdown in the US economy, measured by dismal industrial production and declining consumer spending, could be accelerated by a substantial rise in interest rates.

Large US banks have raised their base rates three times in the past seven weeks, bringing them to 8½ per cent at present. There were projections yesterday that the prime rate could rise to more than 9 per cent this summer.

For these reasons, the committee, which meets eight times a year to chart monetary policy, is expected to take a cautious approach in recommending a tightening of policy.

Analysts said they expected the committee to take steps to push up short-term interest rates without authorizing a rise in the 5½ per cent discount rate which has not been increased in almost three years.

A discount rate increase is more likely to come later as part of a co-ordinated effort by the Group of Seven industrialized nations to stabilize the dollar, analysts said.

## Emery to expand freight services

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Annual growth of nearly a third in European air cargo traffic — with Britain seeing the biggest increases — has led Emery Air Freight to increase capacity on its nightly freighting and parcels services between Britain and Europe.

The Emery company, one of the top six air freighters in Europe, is the oldest overnight courier and cargo transportation service in the United States and has had a British operation since 1956.

It will not mean an immediate increase in jobs in Britain, but that could happen later as Manchester is developed as the hub of Emery's British operation, according to Mr John Emery, the chairman and chief executive, in London yesterday.

Emery has just paid \$350 million (£208 million) for the Purolator company, also based in the US, to gain its courier service in smaller parcels and envelopes; other subsidiaries, including the oil filter division, have been sold for \$200 million.

Purolator's courier service, which will continue to operate under the Purolator banner, is not as developed in Britain as that of Emery, which has 250 employees here.

Emery's own overnight courier shipments through Europe were up 38 per cent in the first four months of this year, compared with the same period of 1986, said Mr Emery.

"The increased payload and new, later departure will allow us to offer enhanced services to important industrial customers in the Midlands and North of England."

Emery uses a hub-and-spoke system for its services, the main European hub being at Maastricht in The Netherlands.

Mr Emery, who expects the international air cargo market to grow from its current value of \$12 billion to about \$15 billion in 1989, called for an end to European restrictions on cargo aircraft size. This is kept to 8,000 kilograms, but Mr Emery wants European national governments to allow at least 20,000 kilos per aircraft as air cargo expands and competition grows.

He forecast a "huge battle" in the air cargo market, leading to higher quality service and keen pricing. "The market is presently growing at about 30 per cent a year, and the expansion in the British economy means Britain will be leading in this race, closely followed by West Germany."

## Barclays changes cash into monopoly money

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Cashless shopping has stumbled out of the starting gate and looks like crashing into the first fence because of a desperate attempt by the banks to exploit their monopoly powers. Though banks have made numerous local experiments, Barclays' Connect debit card is the first attempt at a nationwide system. Connect, which has been greeted with shouts of anguish before its official launch, is an important test for the new wave of high street financial services. Just as important, it is a test case for consumers.

If successful, Barclays' attempt to introduce the same *ad valorem* charging structure for debit cards as credit cards will be equivalent to doubling or trebling or quadrupling (depending on the size of the transaction) the cheque processing charge made to retailers. Midland Bank is trying to do the same with its new Vector debit card. It is an astonishing pitch for them to make.

It may take a while for the new cards to catch on and pay for themselves (the excuse for high charges). In the meantime, the £10 million Barclays is spending on launching Connect is small change in comparison with the vast sums spent on other ventures, like its financial conglomerate BZW, whose profitability is much more seriously open to question. As the system expands and becomes fully automated, processing costs on debit card transactions will drop below cheque processing rates. Is there not a case here for passing on some of the benefit to consumers?

In holding out for fixed transaction charges, the retailers are refusing to accept Connect. Barclays has retaliated with the amazing threat to evict from the Visa card system any retailer who does not accept the new card. The bank seems determined to give more ammunition to its critics who see it as big and ugly.

It is not clear exactly how Barclays would carry out its eviction order. The Trustee Savings Bank and Bank of Scotland with several million Visa card customers of their own would object. Barclays claims that it would have no choice: Visa rules say that all Visa merchants must accept all Visa cards. It has not explained clearly, however, why Connect has to be part of Visa at all.

There is more than a hint of the exercise of monopoly power in Barclays' behaviour. The bank claims to be the largest credit card operator in the world and its actions seem a blatant way of underlining the point. The Office of Fair Trading has already returned to the question of whether the credit card industry is a monopoly and will almost certainly refer its findings to the Monopolies Commission. Clearly Sir Gordon Borrie and his OFT team should simultaneously consider the debit card issue which Barclays and Midland have so blatantly brought to the fore. If the banks are allowed to get away with *ad valorem* charges, a precedent will be set at the start of cashless shopping which will act against the interests of consumers for years to come.

## Platinum price positive

Platinum has in recent years consistently traded at a premium to gold. But unlike gold, platinum has fundamental, and strategic, qualities that allow it to escape any sanctions threat. And outside South Africa and the Soviet Union, no significant ore bodies have yet been found. Add to these characteristics the relatively fine balance between demand and supply and it is hardly surprising that Johnson Matthey in today's review of the industry finds the metal's price prospects positive.

The danger in any view about the path of a precious metal price is the mystery card of investment demand. In 1986, investment demand accounted for 16 per cent of total platinum purchases (compared with 9 per cent in 1985 and only 2 per cent in 1982). This undoubtedly played its part in the gyrations, which at one point saw platinum at a \$250 premium to gold. Political fears arising from South Africa and suggestions of disruptions in supply were other factors.

But if investment demand can be fickle, as swings and roundabouts in the gold market have proved, consumption demand looks more solidly based, with 37 per cent of total platinum purchases going into autocatalysts and 30 per cent into jewellery, and the important Japanese market remaining firm.

The trend in demand by various end users in the Western world has been mixed over the past decade. Demand within the petroleum, glass, chemical and electrical industries has been weakening, although more than compensated for by the autocatalysts where usage exceeded one million ounces for the first time last year.

Use in coins is now well established through the Isle of Man "Noble". Other monetary authorities are being courted to follow suit, and there are moves afoot to liberalize US banks' marketing practices. As a market area, the United States last year overtook Japan for the first time since 1980, and accounted for 90 per cent of the growth in investment demand. It only needs the small number of players in the platinum world to mount a collective drive to preach the message of platinum's merits, and even more headway could be achieved.

Yesterday, the platinum price was \$623 an ounce.

## Party time at new No 10

For once Denis Thatcher, not Margaret, will be the centre of attention at Number 10 on June 11, election night. He is expected to be the star guest at a glamorous party that evening at Number 10 — an elegant new restaurant not in Downing Street but in Old Burlington Street. The man behind the venture is his one-time business colleague, David Wickins, head of British Car Auctions. Wickins, who used to own a large slice of waste disposal company Atwoods, where Denis is deputy chairman, and also employed son Mark at Lotus cars, bought the Georgian property last year. He has converted it into an English restaurant, specializing in such uniquely British delights as bangers and mash, black pudding and jam roly-poly. With him are chief Nigel Young and 31-year-old Julie Craven, the house hostess-to-be and a stalwart of the Berkeley Square Ball Committee. The walls will be bedecked with photographs and paintings of the real Number 10 and assorted prime ministers. Even the black front door is a replica of the real thing. The £200,000 has been raised via a Business Expansion Scheme (Mrs T would approve) but such are Wickins' connections, and his persuasive telephone manner, he raised the money from 30 wealthy investors — including himself — without issuing a prospectus.

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### New notes for old

If you have £100 to spare and are looking for a rare object to frame and hang on your wall, how about a Scottish five shilling note dated 1807? Or the earliest-known British transport share certificate for one share in Mersey and Irwell Navigation Company, dated 1724? It bears the signature of manager James

Bradshaw, who was later captured at the Battle of Culloden and executed for his part in Bonnie Prince Charlie's rebellion, and is expected to fetch £1,200 at an auction at Phillips on Thursday. Other busted bonds and rare examples of paper money, dating back more than 200 years, will also go under the hammer.

### MCP secrets

One wife in every five does not know her spouse's earnings. In the chauvinistic North a staggering 17 per cent of



"I'd say the ad industry looks like winning"

women have no idea how much their husbands earn, compared to a national average of 14 per cent. The surprise figures are revealed in a personal finance report from the Bradford and Bingley Building Society. It is also interesting to note that when asked at a Press conference at the Waldorf Hotel if his own wife knew how much he took home each month, Geoffrey Lister, the Bradford Society's chief executive, replied with a non-committal smile.

There are to be none of the usual shareholders' refreshments at the Connaught Rooms next Wednesday. Concerned by the large number of people who might turn up — including the erstwhile chairman and chief executive Ernest Saunders — the company says it has had to keep the refreshment room free to take on surplus capacity.

## Printing money

Not all the City's guild halls are defunct dinosaurs. In the magnificent surroundings of the 17th century Stationers Hall, home of The Worshipful Company of Stationers & Newspaper Makers, the Duchess of York handed out six scholarships last week, worth a total £25,000, to fund educational projects proposed by trainees employed in the worlds of printing, stationery and newspapers. The six lucky recipients are now off to study such delights as typesetting design and the direct marketing of newspapers in the US. The scholarships, expected to be awarded annually, are being financed from the proceeds of the sale of the guild's former school, the Stationery Company's School, in North London, four years ago.

### Mortgage man

Stephen Edell, a solicitor who for eight years was one of the five Law Commissioners responsible for reviewing the laws of the land and recommending reforms, is to become Britain's first Building Societies Ombudsman. His appointment is expected to be announced today and as ombudsman he will deal with complaints from the public about building societies, with the power to award compensation, as he sees fit, of up to £100,000. Edell, aged 54, was tracked down by head-hunting agency Tyzack & Partners which, two years ago, helped find the first-ever banking ombudsman, Ian Edwards-Jones QC.

Carol Leonard

## Magnum opus for Flemings at Phicom

STOCK WATCH by Stephen Hargrave

INNOVATIVE investment managers Robert Fleming & Co. have again got ahead of the market with a fund which aims to outperform the FTSE 100 by investing in a basket of shares which will rise in value over the next five years. The fund, which is managed by Robert Fleming, is a joint venture between Phicom and Fleming's.

The London Evening Standard Thursday, 14 May 1987

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● **P&W MACLELLAN:** Pretax profit dropped from £631,000 to £238,000 last year on turnover up from £10.62 million to £11.24 million. There is also an extraordinary debit this time of £462,000, compared with nil for 1985. The total dividend is being maintained at 1.9p. Earnings per share fell from 6.4p to 3.6p.

● **PAN AUSTRALIAN MINING:** The company is making a one-for-five scrip issue from its asset-revaluation reserve, raising the issued capital to 75.2 million from 62.67 million.

● **PHILIPS LAMPS HOLDING:** The public offering of shares, announced at the end last month, has been priced at 48.60p. Proceeds of the

offering of 20 million ordinary shares will be close to 1 billion guilders (£297 million).

● **WHEATWAY:** The open offer of 14.69 million new shares issued for the acquisition of Wright Aircraft Engineering has been substantially oversubscribed. Shareholders have applied for 88 per cent of the shares available under their guaranteed entitlements. This resulted in the remaining 1.78 million shares being 11 times oversubscribed by excess applications for 19.44 million.

● **SHERWOOD COMPUTER SERVICES:** The company has agreed to acquire Mitronix Computing, a computer systems house specializing in the provision of systems for motor

insurance quotations and administration for insurance brokers. At the same time, Sherwood will acquire 64 per cent of a new company (Network), which is to be formed to develop software to enable brokers to link into an ICL network connecting them with other insurance brokers and companies. The initial consideration will be about £500,000, with a further consideration up to a maximum of about £400,000.

● **OTTOMAN BANK GROUP:** A dividend of £8 per share is payable on June 3. Founders' shares will receive £964.50 per share.

● **JOHN FOSTER & SON:** Total dividend unchanged at 3.5p for the year to February 27.

Figures in £000s. Turnover 20,177 (24,329). Pretax profit 507 (1,129). Earnings per share 4.3p (11.4p).

● **ASSOCIATED ENERGY SERVICES:** Six months to March 31. No dividend. Figures in £000s. Turnover 41 (64). Pretax profit 41 (64). Earnings per share 0.59p (0.92p) loss.

● **PRILEST HOLDINGS:** The company has exchanged contracts to acquire a portfolio of eight, mainly office, properties from Allied Dunbar Property Fund Management for £35.8 million. It intends to retain one of these properties - Fanum House, in Leicester Square, London - which has been valued at £19 million. The

company has also taken a nine-month option to acquire the Langham Estate from the Water Authorities Superannuation Fund. This option has to be exercised on or before January 8, 1988, with completion on or before February 8, at a price of £87 million. Langham Estate comprises 179 freeholds located around the Great Portland Street area of London, which generates an annual rental income of £3.78 million.

● **BASF:** First quarter of 1987. Pretax profit up 3 per cent to DM670 million (£224 million) on sales down 11 per cent to DM9.8 billion. The decline in sales is the result of price and foreign exchange factors, the board reports.

## FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Starting index compared with 1975 was up at 73.8 (day's range 73.8-73.8).

OTHER STERLING RATES	
Argentina austral*	2.6815-2.6733
Australian dollar	1.5374-1.5374
Bahian dollar	0.6220-0.6360
Brazil cruzado*	51.7478-52.0382
Cyprus pound	0.7900-0.9000
Finland marka	7.2536-7.2536
Greece drachma	250-250
Hong Kong dollar	13.1372-13.1458
Indian rupee	21.11-21.31
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4589-0.4589
Malaysia dollar	4.1589-4.1612
Mexico peso	2050.0-2100.0
New Zealand dollar	2.8921-2.8989
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.2875-6.3276
Singapore dollar	3.5655-3.5704
South Africa rand	5.3588-5.4797
S A franc (conv)	3.336-3.336
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2	Cliff Allen	Banking/Discount	
3	Cliff Allen	Banking/Discount	
4	Burrows (as)	Banking/Discount	
5	Bestwood	Banking/Discount	
6	Combel	Oil & Gas	
7	Morrison (W)	Food	
8	Dixon's (as)	Drugs/Stores	
9	Barr & W.A.	Leisure	
10	Reid's Eng	Industrials-LR	
11	Lloyds (as)	Banking/Discount	
12	Morland	Breweries	
13	Devenish (JA)	Industrials-A-D	
14	Burrows (as)	Banking/Discount	
15	Lon Soc	Banking/Discount	
16	Raher	Building/Roads	
17	Western Bros	Building/Roads	
18	Wolfehouse Rink	Chemicals/Plas	
19	Scatronic	Electricals	
20	Thames TV	Cinema/TV	
21	Next	Drugs/Stores	
22	Travis & Arnold	Building/Roads	
23	Alcon	Drugs/Stores	
24	Asley	Industrials-A-D	
25	Metz (John)	Drugs/Stores	
26	Granville Whisky	Breweries	
27	Strad & Simpson	Chemicals/Plas	
28	Quora Automation	Industrials-LR	
29	Plastic Concr	Oil & Gas	
30	Meyer Int	Building/Roads	
31	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	Electricals	
32	Combined English	Drugs/Stores	
33	BTP	Chemicals/Plas	
34	Mercury Int	Banking/Discount	
35	Brook Johnson	Building/Roads	
36	Belway	Building/Roads	
37	Electronic Mach	Electricals	
38	Arlan	Electricals	
39	Yorkshire TV	Cinema/TV	
40	Domino	Electricals	
41	Underwoods	Drugs/Stores	

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Weekly Dividend						
Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.						
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

## BRITISH FUNDS

1987 High Low Company Bid Price Change % P/E

### SHORTS (Under Five Years)

No.	Company	Group	Close or Bid
1	Brown (Matthew)	Breweries	
2	Cliff Allen	Banking/Discount	
3	Cliff Allen	Banking/Discount	
4	Burrows (as)	Banking/Discount	
5	Bestwood	Banking/Discount	
6	Combel	Oil & Gas	
7	Morrison (W)	Food	
8	Dixon's (as)	Drugs/Stores	
9	Barr & W.A.	Leisure	
10	Reid's Eng	Industrials-LR	
11	Lloyds (as)	Banking/Discount	
12	Morland	Breweries	
13	Devenish (JA)	Industrials-A-D	
14	Burrows (as)	Banking/Discount	
15	Lon Soc	Banking/Discount	
16	Raher	Building/Roads	
17	Western Bros	Building/Roads	
18	Wolfehouse Rink	Chemicals/Plas	
19	Scatronic	Electricals	
20	Thames TV	Cinema/TV	
21	Next	Drugs/Stores	
22	Travis & Arnold	Building/Roads	
23	Alcon	Drugs/Stores	
24	Asley	Industrials-A-D	
25	Metz (John)	Drugs/Stores	
26	Granville Whisky	Breweries	
27	Strad & Simpson	Chemicals/Plas	
28	Quora Automation	Industrials-LR	
29	Plastic Concr	Oil & Gas	
30	Meyer Int	Building/Roads	
31	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	Electricals	
32	Combined English	Drugs/Stores	
33	BTP	Chemicals/Plas	
34	Mercury Int	Banking/Discount	
35	Brook Johnson	Building/Roads	
36	Belway	Building/Roads	
37	Electronic Mach	Electricals	
38	Arlan	Electricals	
39	Yorkshire TV	Cinema/TV	
40	Domino	Electricals	
41	Underwoods	Drugs/Stores	

### FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

No.	Company	Group	Close or Bid
1	Brown (Matthew)	Breweries	
2	Cliff Allen	Banking/Discount	
3	Cliff Allen	Banking/Discount	
4	Burrows (as)	Banking/Discount	
5	Bestwood	Banking/Discount	
6	Combel	Oil & Gas	
7	Morrison (W)	Food	
8	Dixon's (as)	Drugs/Stores	
9	Barr & W.A.	Leisure	
10	Reid's Eng	Industrials-LR	
11	Lloyds (as)	Banking/Discount	
12	Morland	Breweries	
13	Devenish (JA)	Industrials-A-D	
14	Burrows (as)	Banking/Discount	
15	Lon Soc	Banking/Discount	
16	Raher	Building/Roads	
17	Western Bros	Building/Roads	
18	Wolfehouse Rink	Chemicals/Plas	
19	Scatronic	Electricals	
20	Thames TV	Cinema/TV	
21	Next	Drugs/Stores	
22	Travis & Arnold	Building/Roads	
23	Alcon	Drugs/Stores	
24	Asley	Industrials-A-D	
25	Metz (John)	Drugs/Stores	
26	Granville Whisky	Breweries	
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33	BTP	Chemicals/Plas	
34	Mercury Int	Banking/Discount	
35	Brook Johnson	Building/Roads	
36	Belway	Building/Roads	
37	Electronic Mach	Electricals	
38	Arlan	Electricals	
39	Yorkshire TV	Cinema/TV	
40	Domino	Electricals	
41	Underwoods	Drugs/Stores	

### OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

No.	Company	Group	Close or Bid
1	Brown (Matthew)	Breweries	
2	Cliff Allen	Banking/Discount	
3	Cliff Allen	Banking/Discount	
4	Burrows (as)	Banking/Discount	
5	Bestwood	Banking/Discount	
6	Combel	Oil & Gas	
7	Morrison (W)	Food	
8	Dixon's (as)	Drugs/Stores	
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35	Brook Johnson	Building/Roads	
36	Belway	Building/Roads	
37	Electronic Mach	Electricals	
38	Arlan	Electricals	
39	Yorkshire TV	Cinema/TV	
40	Domino	Electricals	
41	Underwoods	Drugs/Stores	

### UNDATED

No.	Company	Group	Close or Bid
1	Brown (Matthew)	Breweries	
2	Cliff Allen	Banking/Discount	
3	Cliff Allen	Banking/Discount	
4	Burrows (as)	Banking/Discount	
5	Bestwood	Banking/Discount	
6	Combel	Oil & Gas	
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# STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

## Nervous start to week

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began on May 11. Dealings end May 29. Contango day June 1. Settlement day June 8.  
Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are recorded at 5pm. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close and may differ from changes calculated by comparing 5pm prices, published the previous day. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks, volumes are on page 26.

1987									
High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Change	Percent	YTD	P/E	
678	526	Nor West (as)	670	675	+15	28.1	42	6.9	
123	123	Diamond	140	-	+13	80.0	57	4.8	
123	123	Chadwell	370	373	+3	17.8	48	10.0	
731	195	Rea Eng	152	197	-1	-	14.6	14.6	
164	137	Remediate (A) Hlt	162	164	-7	7.5	45	17.1	
258	258	Reid's Eng	341	343	+14	15.6	66	8.5	
123	123	Wolfehouse Rink	940	-	-	-	60	10.0	
643	758	Scot Chart (as)	813	817	+7	50.0	81	10.1	
102	75	TSB Ltd	881	891	-1	6.1	69	8.4	
123	123	Wolfehouse Rink	940	-	-	-	60	10.0	
327	27	Wolfehouse Rink	410	430	-5	37.1	69	10.0	
420	290	Wentworth	100	50	-5	10	20.7		



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## INVESTMENT TRUSTS

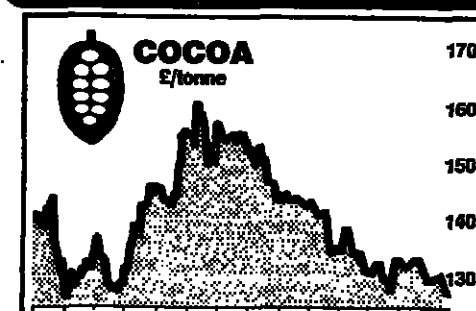
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## COMMODITIES



**A M J J A S O N D J F M A**

Cocoa was boosted yesterday by the announcement that the ICCO buffer stock manager was tendering to buy 4,000 tonnes of beans today, out of a maximum daily limit of 5,000 tonnes. It is estimated that he has sufficient funds to buy 75,000 to 100,000 tonnes in total this year. Comm-

by GNI.			Cash	922.00-923.00	Eng. and Wales: per kg liv (+2.21)	103.30	103.00
			Three Months	896.50-899.00	GB: Sheep 222.50* per kg* (+1.55)	Mar	106.30
			Time	Easier	GB: Pigs 81.35* per kg liv (+1.55)	Mar	105.30
<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>	<b>LONDON COMMODITY</b>	<b>STANDARD CATHODES</b>			Eng. and carcass weight	Apr	106.30
<b>PETROLEUM EXCHANGE</b>	<b>EXCHANGE</b>					May	107.30
Supplied via Commodity	<b>SUGAR (From C. Czarnikow)</b>					Barley	37
Marked Services Ltd.	<b>FOB</b>						
	Aug	139.4-59.0	Cash	880.00-883.00			
<b>HEAVY FUEL OIL</b>	Oct	156.0-56.6	Three Months	872.00-873.00			
Jun	Dec	170.0-57.0	Time	Easier			
Jul	Jan	174.4-74.2	Vol	Quiet			
	May	178.0-77.4					
	Aug	182.4-80.0	<b>LEAD</b>	440.00-443.00			
	Vol	2577	Three Months	382.00-382.50			
			Time	Easier			
<b>GAS OIL</b>							
Vol							
Jun	May	1267-55	<b>ZINC HIGH GRADE</b>				
Jul	Jul	1267-55	Cash	805.00-506.00			
Aug	Sep	1260-49	Three Months	500.00-507.00			
Oct	Dec	1317-16	Time	Easier			
Nov	Jan	1346-45					
Dec	Feb	1382-82					
Jan	Mar	1374-75	<b>SILVER LARGE</b>				
Feb	Apr	1377-77	Cash	556.00-559.00			
Mar	May	1353-350	Three Months	567.00-570.00			
Apr	Jun		Time	Easier			
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COMPUTER HORIZONS/1

# The industry suffers a case of the vapours

Sir Clive Sinclair announced this week that deliveries of his new Z88 portable computer will not start until at least the end of the first week in June — five weeks later than originally promised when he launched the Z230 machine in February.

Sir Clive blames the delays on problems related to completion of the built-in software that came with the Z88, explaining that though all the individual software components are completed, they are not yet integrated properly for swapping information between one another.

For many, the delay comes as no surprise, given the problems besetting earlier Sinclair products — the QL computer for example was similarly delayed.

Sir Clive's problem, however, is also one endemic to the computer industry and just the latest in a long line of delays and missed deadlines that might not be tolerated in other industries. Even the highest and mightiest of computer companies has not been immune to this problem.

Leading players such as IBM, Apple and Microsoft have all displayed tardiness over the last few years.

It seems to break down to a classic confrontation between the people at the marketing end of an organization that want to get out news of a new product from the first mo-

ment the prototype is brought to life on a test bench in the research-and-development labs and the technical designers and engineers who can always find better ways to build hardware or software — if only they had more time.

Certainly there are some times advantages in "pre-announcing" products in order to signal to the market that a company will soon have something to answer the competition, but if that pre-announcement comes too far ahead of the final product it

## THE WEEK

By Geoff Wheelwright

can do far more harm than good.

Microsoft, for example, took a lot of knocking for the delays in bringing its Windows graphic operating system to market and was accused of trying to sell the market "vapourware" when there was a two-year gap between unveiling its plans for Windows and actually delivering the first software.

IBM will have to be careful that the same thing does not happen with its Personal System Model 80 computers — the first of the company's new range to use the more powerful 80386 computer processor — which are supposed to start deliveries by autumn. Its announcement in April was a

classic spoiler move to ensure that no one else's 80386-based machines can get a market lead because the market does not know what IBM's plans are.

Of course, this can work the other way in that many of IBM's competitors can point to the Model 80, saying that the machine will not be available until late in the year and that their machines, which will run the same software, are available now.

The new computer "operating system" to go with the Model 80 will also not be ready for some time as Microsoft similarly pre-announced the OS/2 operating system in April with nearly a year until delivery.

Pre-announcements are different from the sort of thing which has landed Sir Clive Sinclair in trouble in the past: taking money for the QL home computer, for example, then taking months to deliver the product.

Yet not everyone in the industry has this reputation for pre-announcement and delays. Amstrad has, from its first entry into the PC business, had quite a good record. Though the huge demand for its recent PC1512 IBM-compatible computer caused some supply shortages, there was no question about the machine not being finished at the time of launch.

# How to find a college place

By Alan Jenkins

School-leavers are being offered instant information this year on the availability of university places through The Times Network Systems, now used by almost 4,000 subscribers in schools, colleges and careers centres throughout Britain.

After the results of the A-levels in England and Wales and the Scottish Highers, students will, for the first time, be able to key into the UCCA database, which provides a full listing of all the courses for which applications may be considered by the universities.

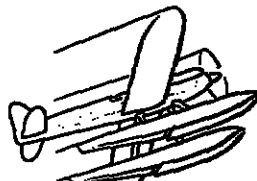
So, from mid-August until the end of September — the period of anxiety for thousands of university applicants with suitable qualifications but no firm acceptance — they will be able to key into a database which can be searched by subject and university so that candidates can obtain accurate information on the availability of places, day by day.

With the established PCAS database, which provides details of polytechnic places, it will provide the most comprehensive guide yet to the opportunities of transition from secondary to higher education.

Both systems are linked with that of the Educational Counselling Service at the Open University, which provides details of 4,600 postgraduate courses, 11,700 first degree courses and 6,200 advanced courses.

Peter Frogbrook, of ECCTIS (Educational Counselling and Credit Transfer Information Service), said: "The drop-out rates in higher education have been too high. A factor was felt to be that sufficient information was not available about the extensive range of educational opportunities on offer — particularly in view of the introduction of courses with a pick-and-mix element."

# LOGBOOK



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Last week's competition winner is announced today and for the next four weeks we are publishing more Logbook entries in Computer Horizons as clues to five questions we shall be posing — the first on this page today and on successive Tuesdays, the rest in The Times Information Service page on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and in the Week Ahead on Saturdays.

What you do: Find the answer to each of the questions, which will be a number. By Saturday you will have five numbers. Add them together and you will have the week's numerical solution. On Sunday, between 8 am and 8 pm, phone 01 400 3291. The Times/DEC Schneider hot-line. You will be asked for the following information when you make your call: 1) the numerical solution; 2) the tie-breaking sentence (see below); 3) your name and day-time phone number. Please have all this to hand to enable the entry to be processed accurately and speedily.

The competition hot-line will be operational only during the stated hours. Employees of News International plc and DEC, and members of their immediate families, are not eligible to enter the competition. In any dispute the editor's decision is final. No correspondence will be entered into.

TODAY'S QUESTION: From the amalgamation of four airlines, Imperial Airways became the national British airline. In which year did this take place?

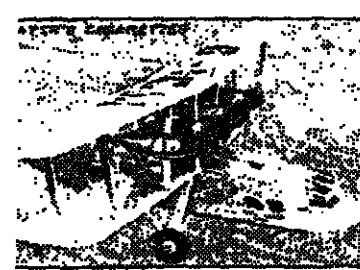
THE TIE-BREAKER: Answer this question: What, in your opinion, was the principal pioneering flight that opened up the network of airline routes?

We shall be announcing this week's winner in next Tuesday's Computer Horizons. All winners will each receive a holiday voucher for £1,000, which will enable them to travel to their own choice of destination.

The five winners will be the guests of DEC on the Isle of Wight for the weekend of the race. On Saturday they will attend the two heats that will determine the handicapping and the 50 aircraft for the final.

They will also attend the gala dinner on Saturday night at Bembridge Airfield, the starting and finishing point for the race. Their prizes will be presented during the prize ceremony after the race on Sunday.

## AN AVIATOR'S DIARY



Imperial Airways liner Sotha

**TUESDAY**  
How sad that the operations of our new national airline should be delayed. The three-week wait because of the strike meant that Imperial Airways didn't take off until late April.

**WEDNESDAY**  
The thrilling set of photographs in The Times showing the flight over Mount Everest by the Marquess of Clydesdale, gave Archie and I the opportunity of spending a great time over lunch today discussing the problems confronting high-altitude aviators.

**THURSDAY**  
An exciting day today! I watched a demonstration of the Hurricane, Hawkers' advanced new fighter

aircraft. The monoplane construction and sleek lines made their Haris and Furies on the airfield look very dated.

**FRIDAY**  
I'm sure that the Empire air routes will receive a boost from the air race to Australia. The beautiful DH Comet was the overall winner. Pity that the Mollisons got stuck in Karachi after a good start.

**SATURDAY**  
Spent the night watching the Rolls-Royce mechanics replace a cylinder block in the S6. The effort proved worthwhile when Waghorn clinched the Schneider race for us. Two of the Italians had to retire on the second lap, so spirits were high at Calshot.



The Mt Everest flight

# Go East, young man, for salary

By Robert Matthews

A national survey of salaries in the computer industry reveals the existence of not so much a North-South as an East-West divide in levels of remuneration.

Carried out among 3,000 readers of IBM Computer Today magazine, who work in IBM installations in both the public and private sectors, the survey found that the average salaries of those computer professionals working in the City are, at £17,425, 14 per cent higher than the rest of the UK, which averages £15,352. The worst-paid jobs were found to be in Wales and Northern Ireland, where they averaged just £12,337 and £12,727 respectively.

Just getting close to the City can boost salaries significantly. The average for the South-East is £15,596, jumping to £16,958 in Greater London, and reaching the peak in the City. Throughout the rest of the UK the variation is slight.

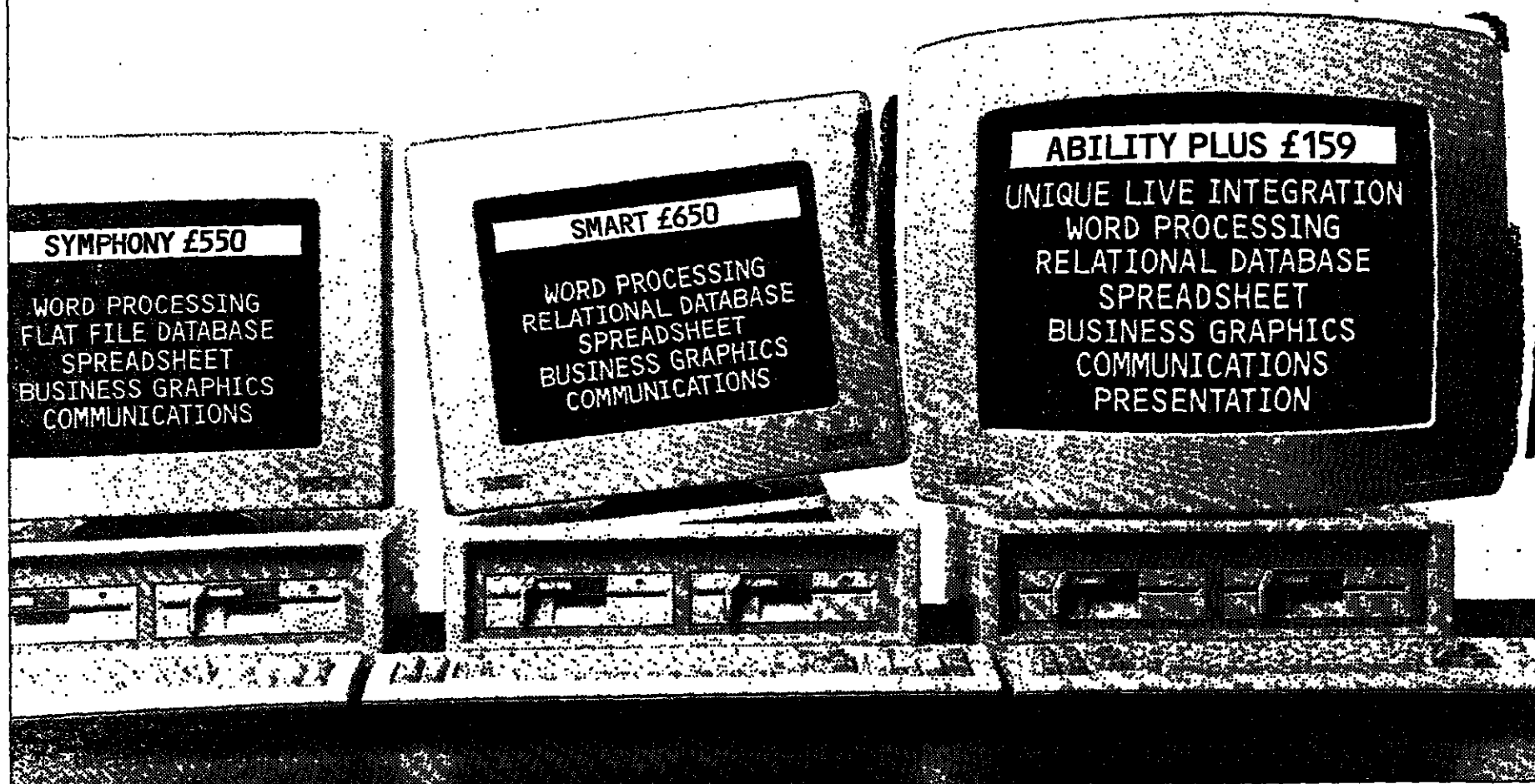
The usual disparity between the salaries of male and female professionals was confirmed: the average for men is £15,703, compared with £13,216 for women. So was the gap between public and private sector salaries: the lowest-paying jobs are in the public sector, where they average £13,707.

The profitable jobs are almost exclusively in computer development for the private sector.

The survey also analysed three major job sectors across all regions: computer management, analysts and programmers, and others. The top salaries in management go to the heads of management services, who earn an average of £23,349. Chief systems analysts earn £17,500. The most highly paid in the subsidiary jobs, such as support specialists and network controllers, go to sales and marketing managers, at £21,439.

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## COMPUTER HORIZONS/3

## A new zlot in the market

By George Blazyna

While Amstrad is noted in the UK for its contribution to low-cost personal computing, it is also establishing a presence in the most extravagant of places. Only a few months after the launch of the latest Amstrad — the IBM-compatible PC1512, which starts at around £500 — it is now appearing behind Mr Gorbachov's new velvet curtain.

In Poland, for example, it is hardly possible to pick up the main national daily newspapers without stumbling across invitations from a new breed of computing enterprises to sample the IBM PC, the Amstrad PC and a wide range of peripherals and other equipment.

In the Baltic coastal town of Sopot, the Infoservice information technology co-operative offers customers the Amstrad word processor and PC. Star printers and floppy discs. In Warsaw Microver will supply IBMs and Amstrads. But advanced west-

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ern products do not come cheap in Poland. The basic Amstrad costs over 2 million zloty — at the official exchange rate, more than £5,000 — 10 times the British price. For the same outlay you could buy two brand new Polish 1500-cc cars and have enough left over to take a year's leave from the tedium of daily toil.

The top-of-the range

Amstrad, with hard-disc and colour monitor, costs nearly 6 million zloty — enough to buy a whole fleet of locally produced vehicles.

Such high prices provide some measure of the gap that exists between East and West in information technology. Though many users in Britain could consider the purchase of an Amstrad, in Eastern

Europe only large corporate customers are in the market. That market is vast and untapped but Polish firms have major problems — a shortage of hard currency — so many have to pay the huge mark-up for paying in local currency.

The author is a senior lecturer in Economics at Thames Polytechnic.

## Lotus unveils four new styles

By David Guest

More of the impact of IBM's new-wave personal computers has been revealed in the plans of a leading PC program-supplier. Lotus Development, producer of the bestselling program 1-2-3, promised a bright future for Lotus users at its recent annual meeting, but there are dark implications for PC users as a whole.

Just over a month ago, before IBM launched the Personal Systems/2, there was a single style of personal computing known as the PC standard. Now Lotus is planning for four styles, and it expects its customers to use more than one at a time.

There will be the old PC standard and the new PS/2 formula. Within each, there will be two ways of controlling programs through commands based on words or graphical symbols. To cover what it sees as the whole PC market, Lotus has to offer versions of 1-2-3 and Symphony that will work in any of the four environments.

The PS/2 could act like fall-out on upland pastures, causing restrictions on the movement of sheep. Companies that were attracted by the size of the PC market may now have to limit themselves to one section or another.

David Gilmour, general manager of Lotus' advanced products division, said: "It's a function of our size that we're able to cover that spread. It is presumably an implication that smaller companies will cover one area or another."

That will inevitably place



Jim Manzi, Lotus president: early declaration of intent

some classes of users at a disadvantage. One of the great strengths of the PC standard was that it enabled companies of various sizes, sizes and resources to supply a largely homogeneous market; smaller companies may now have to concentrate on certain types of user, leaving others in the category of poor relations.

Mr Gilmour had more cold comfort for small PC companies. "It's a deeply fragmented, more complex world in which to operate," he said. "It's no longer possible to

## The amount of confusion and dogma

come up with a practicable metaphor for personal computing (as Lotus originally did with 1-2-3), produce it and sell it."

Some of the products that Lotus announced at its fifth anniversary celebrations will not go on sale until late 1988. That is mainly because the IBM products run them are not likely to be commercially available until then.

Nor is anyone certain how they will perform: the IBM operating system and its graphics-based Presentation Manager are unknown quantities.

## New Japan toughness on exports

By Diana Linn

Japan placed stiff trade restrictions on two top companies last Friday for illegally exporting technology to the Soviet Union that the United States claimed has allowed Soviet submarines to run more quietly than before.

Japan also issued a warning to 150 trade and industry associations against exports of strategic technology to the communist bloc. Officials described the measures as the toughest ever taken on technology exports.

The machines were exported by Toshiba Machine, and C Itoh, one of Japan's leading trading houses in 1982 and 1983.

Yukio Okamoto, the Japanese Foreign Ministry's national security bureau director, said: "We are seriously concerned with the effect these illegally exported machines will have on the security of Japan, the security of the United States and indeed of the free world."

He denied reports that Washington pressured Tokyo into the move. But Japan has been sensitive to criticism that its companies have flouted rules of the Coordinating Committee on Export Control, the western body that restricts the flow of strategic technology to communist nations.

Officials said Toshiba violated Japanese export law by falsifying its export license application to indicate that the machines' performance was less than required for military specifications. Toshiba cannot be charged criminally because a three-year statute of limitations had expired. Mr Okamoto said. Toshiba Machine immediately announced that its president had resigned.

But according to Lotus's president, Jim Manzi, it was necessary to make an early declaration of intent to reassure users.

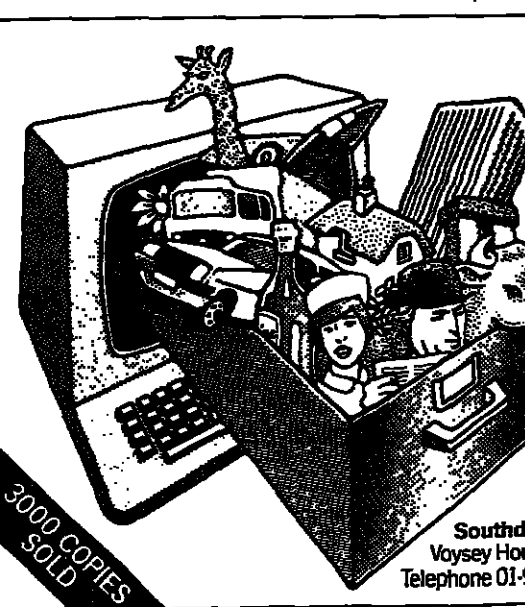
He said: "The real issue is the amount of confusion and technical dogma in the market. The customers were fundamentally confused. We said: 'Let's tell them where we're heading, let's give them the information with which they can do some planning.'"

Technology enabled companies like Lotus to offer users products that could not previously be made. But he added: "Business users' strategic purposes have nothing to do with technology."

The next generation of Lotus programs, then, will wrap innovation in traditional Lotus packaging, and the technology will be unobtrusive.

Lotus will not be drawn on which of the four computing styles it expects to become the dominant one. Mr Gilmour said: "We're going to commit to make the mixed environment work."

But its joint marketing agreement with IBM, to sell 1-2-3 to mainframe computer users, and its development plan point to a concentration on the newest and best that IBM can produce. Whether that will be the users' choice as well may not be apparent for another two or three years.



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- What Communications, May 31-June 2, Novotel, Hammer-smith, London (01-262 3322)
- Computers in Manufacturing, June 2-5, Olympia, London (01-891 3426)
- Scottish Electronics Technology Show, June 16-18, Scottish Exhibition Centre, Glasgow (01-891 5051)
- Networks Conference Centre, London (01-888 4466)
- Comdex International, Nice Exhibition Centre, Nice France, June 16-18 (010-33 14 788 5048)
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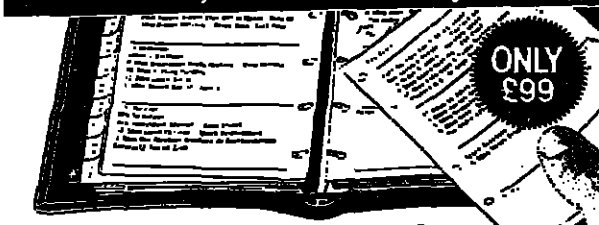
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## HEAD OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

£19,485 - £25,767 (UNDER REVIEW)

The National Council for Vocational Qualifications (NCVQ) was established by government in October 1986 as a company limited by guarantee and as an independent body to establish a new National Vocational Qualifications Framework.

The National Council now wishes to appoint a Head of Finance and Administration.

The successful candidate will report directly to the Chief Executive and be responsible for finance and budgets, the provision of accommodation, personnel and Secretariat services. An involvement in press and public relations can also be expected.

For the immediate future NCVQ is to be funded by government. The negotiation and agreement on the level of financial support to be accorded to the National Council by the appropriate departments therefore forms a key task for the postholder. A working knowledge of central government financial and accounting procedures would be highly desirable.

Applicants should preferably be graduates with accountancy, company secretarial or legal qualifications and significant experience in financial administration. Knowledge of, and an interest in, issues relating to vocational education and training would be an advantage. It is unlikely that persons under the age of 35 years have the necessary experience to fill this post.

The new National Council has a lot to achieve in a very limited timescale; it needs someone who can play an active and innovative role across a range of sensitive issues; who can work as part of a team and formulate as well as implement policies. If you are interested in this challenging post, please send full details to the Chief Executive, Professor Peter J. Thompson, 222 Euston Road, London NW1 2BZ.

NCVQ is an equal opportunities employer.

## Chief Health and Housing Officer

£20,760 - £22,842

This opportunity now exists to take responsibility for our Health and Housing Department and to share in the management of a forward looking Authority.

Applications are therefore invited for the above position which offers a demanding, yet stimulating challenge and will suit a dedicated person with the flair, vision and experience necessary to lead the Department.

A proven managerial record at a senior level is essential as is a relevant professional qualification.

Shephway is an attractive coastal/countryside area in South East Kent covering some 140 sq. miles and is within easy reach of London and the Continent.

Full details are available from the Personnel/Management Services Officer, Shephway District Council, Civic Centre, Folkestone, Kent CT20 2QY. (Telephone 0303 - 57388 ext. 210). Closing date 15th June 1987.



SHEPWAY DISTRICT COUNCIL

## NATIONAL HERITAGE MEMORIAL FUND Director

£25,195-£28,530 (under review)

The National Heritage Memorial Fund is a government-funded organisation in the control of trustees appointed by the Prime Minister. The fund is empowered to give financial assistance to museums, galleries, the National Trust, nature conservation bodies and similar organisations towards the acquisition, maintenance and preservation of works of art, buildings, land of scenic or scientific interest and other items which are of importance to the national heritage.

A new Director is required, to lead the Fund's small London based secretariat and to represent the Trustees in negotiations, meetings and all other activities in which NHMF is involved.

Applications are invited from persons with imagination and flair, who have the leadership qualities required to play a central role in one of the United Kingdom's foremost conservation bodies, and who can demonstrate that they already have considerable experience at a high level.

Letters of application should be submitted to the Chairman of the Fund, from whom further particulars are available, by 29 May 1987.

National Heritage Memorial Fund  
10 St James's Street  
LONDON SW1A 1EF  
01-930 0963

## CITY SOLICITOR &amp; SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT

## Solicitor/Advocate

£13,347 - £15,048

(Depending on Qualifications and Experience).

Westminster's location in the heart of the capital provides a unique challenge whatever your legal background.

The City Council has a team of Solicitors and Barristers dealing with a wide range of advisory work and representation in the Courts on both civil and criminal cases. The advocacy skills are required primarily in Magistrates and County Courts but also before Tribunals and at Inquiries. You will be expected to advise on a wide range of matters and where necessary to develop a specialist, e.g. planning, property or housing law.

This post is within a Career Progression Scheme which provides for annual appraisal with promotion dependent upon ability and work availability at the higher level.

For an informal discussion telephone Donal Kerrigan - Principal Assistant Solicitor on 01-798 2715.

For an application form either telephone 01-834 5958 (24 hour Ansaphone Service), or call at the One Stop Services floor at City Hall, Westminster City Council, Victoria Street, London SW1E 6QP or One Stop Services at 313 Harrow Road, London W9.

Closing Date 10th June 1987.

## CITY OF WESTMINSTER

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## COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL TOWN CLERK AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES DEPARTMENT

## CENTRAL TRAINING OFFICER

Scale: P.O.1 - 4 (£11,952 - £12,894)

The holder of this new post which is within the Personnel Section will be responsible for the training and development of the Council's 900 employees.

Duties include the compilation of a Central Training Register, the organisation and running of internal courses for Staff and Councillors and the recommendation of other forms of training and development.

Applicants should possess a suitable professional qualification and experience of training in a large organisation is essential. The Council offers assistance with re-location expenses, a Flexible Working Hours Scheme and a staff restaurant.

Application forms and job descriptions available from: The Personnel Section, Town Hall, High Street, Colchester, Essex, CO1 1PJ. Telephone: Colchester (0206) 712246.

Closing date: Friday 29th May 1987

This is a re-advertisement. Previous applicants need not re-apply

## THE INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION, the world body for electrical and electronics standards, invites applications for the post of

## GENERAL SECRETARY DESIGNATE

We require

- At least 10 years' experience in industry on modern applications of electrical and electronics engineering. Ability to deal with engineering problems right across the whole range of the practical application of electricity. Experience in a variety of sectors of the industry would be an advantage in this respect.
- Experience in a proved management capacity, preferably of a varied nature.
- Perfect knowledge of one of the official languages of the IEC (English, French, Russian) with competence (both written and spoken) in at least one of the others. A knowledge of languages other than the official ones, especially Spanish, would be an advantage.
- Must have ability to work in an international organization with well developed diplomatic attitudes towards nationals of any country. Experience outside the candidate's home country, or in the secretariat of an international organization would be valuable.
- Age 45 to 55 years.
- Salary and working conditions by negotiation.

The seat of the Commission is in Geneva.

Please send applications marked "Confidential" to the General Secretary of the International Electrotechnical Commission, 3 rue de Varembe, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland.

## A CHALLENGE IN NEWBURY CHIEF EXECUTIVE, NEWBURY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Salary - range £30,000 - £33,000 PLUS

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Newbury is an attractive, fast-growing District with a current population of 135,000, embracing over half of the Royal County of Berkshire, combining extensive rural areas, growing urban communities and rapidly expanding, modern industries.

Our Chief Executive, Brian Theford, is retiring in December, having served the Council since 1973. To succeed him, we are seeking a highly motivated manager, with a proven record of achievement at a senior level in either the public or private sector.

The Chief Executive will be directly responsible to the Council for the efficient deployment of the Council's employees, numbering approximately 600, and the management of a gross annual budget of £32 million.

Application forms are available from:

David Hirst, Personnel and Management Services Officer, Council Offices, Market Street, Newbury, Berkshire - or in his absence, speak to Janice Powell. Tel: Newbury (0635) 42400 Extension 2106. The closing date for applications is 5th June 1987.

## An up-beat way to win job equality

Police work, in various forms, offers first-class chances to the girl who will take a chance, says Beryl Dixon

When Jackie Malton left school in Leicester she had firm ideas about the kind of career she wanted - "one involving work with people, and which would give me a role in the community." She chose the police force, joining straight from school as a cadet. Seventeen years later, with the rank of detective inspector, she would unhesitatingly make the same choice again.

After her cadet training she spent two years as a constable, then took and passed her sergeant's exam, and spent three further years in Leicester as a uniformed sergeant, then in the CID. On passing the inspectors' exam she made a major decision: that opportunities for women in Leicester were limited at that time, and that to broaden her experience she needed to move to London. "It was a big move - leaving everyone I knew and thinking about property prices in the South."

She began in Richmond, back in uniform, then was accepted as a detective sergeant in the CID. During that period she was seconded to the 1981 Deptford Fire investigation and was also involved in investigating the crime aspects of the Brixton riots, and then joined a Flying Squad - the only woman among 40 men, working on armed robbery prevention. Was she ever frightened during those years? "Oh yes, I often found myself, in a particular situation, wondering 'what on earth am I doing here?'"

She was promoted in 1984 to detective inspector and posted to West End Central, "working with two very distinct communities - the well-heeled in Mayfair and the pimps and pushers in Soho." Since December 1986 she has worked in the Company Fraud Squad, currently investigating public floatations - and, very typically - multiple share applications.

Can anyone joining the police force expect such a varied career, particularly if female? Jackie is a strong character and has made her opportunities happen, but she maintains the openings are there for anyone. The Metropolitan Police Force agrees. "We can't all be chief constables,

## HORIZONS

A guide to career opportunities



That caring touch on the beat

but we do need all types from graduates to good streetwise characters, so there is something for everybody."

There are several ways of joining the police - all competitive. It is rare nowadays to join as a cadet as Jackie did. The Met still runs a training scheme as do some other forces, but many have dropped it for economic reasons. Adult entrants, aged 18½-30, apply to their chosen constabulary, there being 43 in England and Wales and eight in Scotland. Minimum national entry standards are specified by the Home Office but each Chief Constable has the discretion to impose more stringent ones. Selection methods vary from force to force. Again, there is a Home Office recommended procedure but in some areas this is considerably extended.

New entrants join as probationary constables for two years and begin their training at a police training centre: for an initial 14-week course in the English and Welsh constabularies, with the exception of the Met, where it takes 20. For the remainder of the two years period they are posted to stations for on the job training, and take further short courses during that time. In Scotland new recruits attend the Scottish Police College for eight weeks, then go to their forces for 14 months before returning to the college for a second eight week course.

On completion of the probationary period constables may apply to join any of the specialist branches: CID (which includes about one in eight officers), traffic, drugs, dog handling, mounted branch, river police, etc. Alternatively, they are eligible to take the sergeants' exam. Passing this does not guarantee

promotion. It means that a successful candidate may be considered for a vacancy.

Given that the higher up the ranks one goes, the fewer the jobs, blockages can occur and people regarded as suitable for promotion have to wait. (There are 90,000 constables in England and Wales, 20,000 sergeants, 6,500 inspectors and only 2,500 chief inspectors). As a rough guide the Home Office suggests that it takes an average of 13-18 years to reach the rank of chief inspector. It is not unusual to change departments on promotion.

Potential high fliers may be selected for accelerated promotion - only open to 80 a year - and attend a one-year course at Bramshill Police Staff College (England and Wales) after qualifying for promotion to sergeant, leading to an inspector's job after one further year. There is also a Graduate Entry Scheme under which a small number of graduates are expected to take and pass the sergeants' exam at the first attempt and if they do so are guaranteed a place at Bramshill. A similar scheme exists in Scotland, with the additional requirement that graduates must also have passed the inspectors' exam before attending the Staff College course.

It is only since the passing of sex discrimination legislation that women officers have been employed under the same terms as men. Formerly, they worked in special sections, dealing mainly with women and juveniles. Some forces are re-establishing specialist women's departments where the expertise built up by the former sections can be put to good use - but women will join them by choice.

Jackie Malton would never have wished to do so. She sees herself as first and foremost a police officer. She points out that there are two female commanders in the Met and currently 38 senior women in the CID, which she considers not bad after only 11 years of genuinely equal opportunity. Moreover, she adds, women are becoming more career minded. Several of her colleagues, "now that the pay is better," have chosen to employ nannies and return to full-time police work after the birth of their children.

I wondered whether opportunities were there for women nationwide. It is not very long since a young policewoman in a provincial force told me that she did not feel her sergeant took her seriously - and that she was expected to make tea for her shift. I rang one or two constabularies to inquire. All said "yes, of course," and some had appointed equal opportunities officers. One suspects that the attitude of the local chief constable must have a lot to do with it as must the character of the individual female officer.

● Further information: Police Recruiting Department, Home Office, Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1 Police Division, Scottish House, St James's Centre, Edinburgh, and local police headquarters.

● A second article on the police will appear on Thursday

## CHAIRMAN

## Economic and Social Research Council

London Up to £43,500

Applications are invited for this post which will become vacant, initially for a 4 year period, upon the retirement of Sir Douglas Hague CBE.

The Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) aims to enhance knowledge and understanding of society by funding research in the social sciences and disseminating the best results of this work. The Council receives annual grant-in-aid (currently £24 million) from the Department of Education and Science.

The Chairman is responsible for the direction of the Council and is answerable to Parliament for its activities. These include the support of some 20 research centres in universities and other institutions throughout the UK, plus the funding of research programmes, individual research projects and post-graduate students.

An equal opportunity employer

Candidates must be able to demonstrate proven organisational leadership, strong management ability and a high level of business and political awareness. They must be able to command the respect of academics, businessmen and public officials.

Salary will reflect the seniority of this influential and demanding role.

RELOCATION EXPENSES UP TO £5000 MAY BE AVAILABLE.

For further details and an application form (to be returned by 19 June 1987) write to Civil Service Commission, Alencon Link, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 1JB, or telephone Basingstoke (0256) 468551 (answering service operates outside office hours) or telex 859399 CSCOMM G. Please quote ref: S/7043.

## ASSISTANT SOLICITOR

## Employment Law/Advocacy

£12,816 - £18,714

An energetic young solicitor (or barrister) is sought by an expanding (120,000) teachers' trade union and professional association.

The successful candidate may be recently qualified and will have some experience in the area of employment law, litigation, industrial relations and contract. He or she will assist the Association's Solicitor with a challenging variety of both legal and professional problems, including advocacy in Industrial Tribunals and disciplinary hearings, the conduct of detailed negotiations, the drafting of documents and advising at all levels.

While based in Central London, considerable travel throughout England and Wales may be involved.

Interested applicants are invited to telephone Philip Lott on 01-930 6441 for an informal discussion.

Letters of application (with full personal and career details, including the name of two referees) should be sent to: The Joint General Secretaries, AMMA, 7 Northumberland Street, London WC2N 5DA.

Closing date: 10 June 1987.



ASSISTANT MASTERS AND MISTRESSES ASSOCIATION

## Nene College Northampton

A qualified accountant is required for the position of

## Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Grade P01 £12,555 - £13,853

Duties have recently been revised to meet the new challenges and opportunities in respect of the College following the White Paper on Higher Education. The Post holder will contribute to the establishment of new financial operations as well as taking part in the general administration of a progressive College.

Further details and application forms send see to Chief Administrative Officer, Nene College, Moulton Park, Northampton NN2 7AL. Telephone (0604) 715000.

Closing date for completed applications is 2 weeks from the appearance of this advertisement. Northamptonshire County Council welcomes applications regardless of racial or ethnic origin, sex, marital status or disability.

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## PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

### AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD RESEARCH COUNCIL (AFRC) DIRECTOR OF ARABLE CROPS RESEARCH £34,000-£37,000 (From 1 October 1987)

Applications are invited for the post of Director of Arable Crops Research, in succession to Sir Leslie Fowden FRSE who retires in June 1988.

The person appointed will be directly responsible to the Secretary to the AFRC for all aspects of arable crops research and in particular, for the work of the constituent stations of the Institute of Arable Crops Research, which include the Rothamsted Experimental Station (Harpenden) and the Long Ashton Research Station (near Bristol). The post will be based at one of these centres. The Director will serve on the Council's Management Board and take a full part in corporate activities.

Candidates should be highly qualified in a science relevant to arable crops research, with a distinguished record in research and considerable experience at a senior level in research management.

Non-contributory pension scheme.

The successful candidate may qualify for assistance with removal expenses.

The AFRC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Further particulars and application forms can be obtained from Mr. J. M. Y. Dickens, Chief Personnel Officer, AFRC, 160 Portland Street, London W1N 6BT (01-580 6835 ext. 259), to whom completed applications should be returned by 12 June.



### GRADUATE ENGINEERS DO YOU WANT TO MOVE INTO MANUFACTURING MANAGEMENT?

The EITB Fellowships in Manufacturing Management offers you a unique opportunity for career transfer and development PLUS an award of around £10,000 per annum together with expenses and subsistence.

- Do you have a Degree in Mechanical, Production, Electrical, Electronic or related disciplines?
  - Have you gained at least 3 years experience in an engineering capacity since graduating?
  - Does your career to date show good progression?
  - Do you have an ambition to move into management?
  - Do you have drive, energy and the ability to motivate others?
  - Do you feel restricted, having very limited prospects for promotion in your current position?
  - Are you between 25 and 34?
- If you can answer YES to all these questions then this is your chance to make a career change into manufacturing management. The Engineering Industries Board is offering up to 15 Fellowships in Manufacturing Management commencing in October 1987. These highly prestigious places involve 16 weeks at the College of Manufacturing within the Cranfield Institute of Technology, followed by 12 months in a responsible post in industry. All fees, accommodation and other expenses are paid (in addition to the Award) for all successful candidates. You may apply independently or be sponsored by your company.
- Interested? Then contact: Rosalind Jones, Fellowship Officer, Engineering Industry Training Board, P.O. Box 176, 54 Caradon Road, WATFORD WD1 7AL (0923 38441), for more information and an application form. The closing date for completed applications is 19 June.



## ROYAL OMAN POLICE DIRECTORATE OF POLICE MEDICAL SERVICES

The Royal Oman Police Medical Service consists of a 55 bed hospital with 3 satellite clinics. They provide sophisticated medical services for the employees of the Royal Oman Police.

- GENERAL DUTIES DOCTORS:**  
Female doctors with Primary care experience. Also general duties male doctors for whom Surgical and Emergency Medical Service experience would be an added advantage. The post could be either on a one or two year contract. Salary commensurate with experience. Attractive ambulance and excellent housing, travel and amenity benefits.
- GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONER**  
The ROP Medical Services has three excellent dental units with modern equipment. There is appropriate supporting technical staff. An experienced candidate preferably in the age range of 40-55 is required. Military experience would be an advantage. Salary and benefits as above.
- STATE REGISTERED NURSES**  
Candidates with experience in Casualty/ICU/Paediatrics, Midwifery and Emergency work and invited to apply for these posts. Successful nurses will be offered two year contracts subject to renewal, attractive accommodation, travel and amenity benefits.
- RADIOGRAPHY TECHNICIAN**  
An experienced candidate is required; a military background and ability to help with general nursing duties would be an advantage. The X-ray Department is ultra-modern. Successful candidates will be offered two year contracts subject to renewal, attractive accommodation, travel and amenity benefits.

Applications should reach by 29th May 1987 with general c.v., two passport photographs and copies of certificates if appropriate.

The Inspector General of Police & Customs  
Attn: Assistant Inspector General (D.G. Personnel)  
Royal Oman Police,  
P.O. Box 2, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman.

### GRADUATE (25-35)

The National Association of British and Irish Millers (NABIM) is the trade and employers association of the U.K. flour milling industry. It occupies pleasant offices in St. James's on the edge of Green Park.

The Association seeks a graduate to work in the field of employment affairs, with particular responsibility for training and health and safety. In this respect, he or she will be involved at an early stage in a project to revise the industry's correspondence course text books, monitoring health and safety developments and giving research support on industrial relations. The postholder reports to the Industrial Relations Manager. Contact with members and outside bodies, including trade unions within the National Joint Industrial Council for the Flour Milling Industry, will be an important part of the work.

Essential requirements are readiness to work on a variety of subjects, intellectual and administrative ability, drafting skill and an agreeable personality. A trade association background and/or experience of one of the relevant subject areas are desirable.

The successful candidate is unlikely to be under 25 years of age or have less than 3 years relevant work experience. An attractive starting salary will be negotiable. There is also a good contributory pension scheme, season ticket loan and luncheon allowance.

Letters of application, together with C.V., should be sent to the Administration Director, NABIM, 21 Arlington Street, London SW1A 1RN, by no later than 29th May.

### Opportunities in Information Systems

The School of Information Systems at UEA, Norwich is a unique grouping of Accounting, Computing Science and Electronics, bringing together the major constituent disciplines of Information Technology. This approach has resulted in greater collaboration in teaching and research and the establishment of an environment which can explore common problems across a broad spectrum of the theory and practice of Information Technology. From the systems which support it to its applications in accounting, business, finance, engineering and scientific computing. As part of the continued expansion of the School applications are invited for the following new faculty posts:-

**Professor of Accounting and Finance**  
Applicants with an interest in any area of accounting and finance are encouraged to apply. Accountancy at UEA has an information systems bias and the sector's future development will be in association with the other disciplines in the School. The holder of this second Chair in Accountancy and Finance will be expected to assume a management role within the Accountancy Sector, since the founding professor, Krish Bhaskar, has recently formed the Motor Industry Research Unit into a private company associated with the university.

**Two Professorial Fellows in Business Information Systems**  
These two posts will take leading roles in the new Business Information Systems degrees in Accounting and Computing Science. The holder of each post will be expected to assume a management role within the Information Systems Sector, since the founding professor, Krish Bhaskar, has recently formed the Motor Industry Research Unit into a private company associated with the university.

**Two Lecturers in Computing Science**  
Applicants should be suitably qualified individuals with any specialism in Computing Science, although the School generally seeks to reinforce the existing research strengths in Database and Information Systems, Graphics and CAD, Declarative Languages, and Architectures, Mathematical Models and Algorithms, and Software and Systems Engineering.

**Two Senior Lecturers/Readers and Two Lecturers in Electronic Systems Engineering**  
Applicants are expected to have an established record in a mainstream aspect of Electronic Systems Engineering, in either an academic or industrial context. The persons appointed will be expected to help continue the rapid expansion of the research base for this new sector, teach at both postgraduate and undergraduate levels and foster links with industry. Existing research strengths are in Transputer applications, CAD, applied underwater acoustics, signal processing and speech recognition.

**Salary Scales:** Professor, appointment will be at an appropriate point on the scale which commences at £22,505 per annum; Senior Lecturer/Reader £18,490-£21,605 per annum; Lecturer on either scale A £8,735-£13,675 per annum, or scale B £14,245-£18,210 per annum. Applications (five copies), which should include a full curriculum vitae including exact date of birth together with the names and addresses of three persons to whom reference may be made, should be sent to the Establishment Officer, University of East Anglia, Norwich NR4 7TJ (tel. 0603 56161 ext. 2734) from whom further particulars may be obtained, not later than 12th June 1987. No forms of application are issued.

**ANGLIAN ACT COMMUNITY TRUST LTD**  
for young autistic people in East Anglia  
**COMMUNITY PRINCIPAL**

Following the death of the Principal an immediate vacancy exists. The Council provides residential care, occupational and leisure activities for 16 autistic residents aged 18 to 32, and is situated in a pleasant farm acre site in the heart of the village of Barton Mills, Suffolk.

The Principal is accountable to a supportive Council of Management and will be responsible for the management, direction and development of the Community.

The successful applicant must possess the qualities of leadership and management skills allied to an outgoing personality. Experience in understanding the problems and potential of the mentally handicapped is also necessary.

A realistic salary will be paid to the right person.

Applications, with curriculum vitae, should be sent to the under-mentioned who will also forward a job description if required:

Mr. M. Newman,  
Chief Executive,  
Anglian Autistic Community Trust Ltd.,  
2 Grosvenor Close,  
Orwell, Royston  
Herts. SG8 5QA

**THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
County Valuer & Land Agent's Department  
**SENIOR ESTATES OFFICER (Property review)**

Salary Scale £14,862 - £17,160 (under review)

The Council is pursuing an active and progressive policy of property review resulting in the release of valuable land for redevelopment or disposal. It is now proposed to intensify this review process and a qualification to intensify this review process will become more directly accountable for land and property in operational use. This will involve identifying and analysing all premises related costs arising out of the occupation and use of individual properties.

We are seeking a person to take a leading role in this function. The successful applicant will be expected to take part in the development of Council policy, and its subsequent implementation. While a detailed knowledge of property is necessary, and a qualification as a Chartered Surveyor would be helpful, consideration will be given to candidates with other qualifications who are able to demonstrate that they have the necessary experience and aptitude to undertake the work.

While the person appointed will have the full support of the professional staff within the department, he/she must be able to work entirely on his/her own initiative, be innovative and able to respond to the challenge and opportunity that this appointment offers.

The Council is operating a car leasing scheme, or alternatively a car user allowance will be payable. A substantial contribution towards removal expenses is also payable where appropriate, and temporary accommodation may be available.

You are invited to telephone Stuart Farran on 01535 395000 Ext. 8266 for an informal discussion. Applications should be sent to the County Valuer and Land Agent, Wing House, 21A Victoria Street, Aylesbury, to whom completed forms should be returned by the 10th June 1987.

**ROCHFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
LEISURE DIRECTORATE  
**ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER**

Salary - Circa. £11,600 p.a.

RoCHFORD Leisure is a highly developed multi-disciplined Leisure operation. RoCHFORD is situated in the heart of South East Essex surrounded by unspoilt countryside.

We seek a suitably experienced and qualified person to fill this new post. Responsibilities include the Management and control of the Directorate's complete administrative function. Applicants must be able to demonstrate several years experience in a senior supervisory position, experience of running a diverse administrative system and a sound knowledge of controlling annual estimates, budgetary control and order/invoicing procedures. Experience of a computerised working environment would be a distinct advantage.

The successful candidate must be highly motivated and have a commercial aptitude with sound communicative skills. It is desirable that candidates be educated to degree or post graduate level.

A generous relocation package is available in approved cases.

For application form and job description, please telephone Yvonne Williams on (0702) 201918 or write to:

The Director of Leisure,  
Clements Hall Leisure Centre,  
Clements Hall Way,  
Rushmore,  
Hemel Hempstead,  
Herts.

Closing date for application - Friday 29th May 1987.

**MULTI-SKILLED TRAINERS**  
£9,054 PA  
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Do you have the confidence and ability to instruct groups of young (18 - 30) people in a TRAINING FOR THE FUTURE wide range of skills with the aim of advancing their careers in an office or retail environment? If so, we need you to join our staff team.

We are Project Fulltime, a work and community based training organisation committed to the provision of equal opportunities in employment, and increasing the involvement of minority ethnic groups in the economic life of the UK.

We're now expanding our activities and to help us we need four instructors; 3 to work in South London (Deptford, Woolwich, Brixton & Lewisham) and one in North London (Islington, Kenton & Clerkenwell). Initially based at one of our existing projects in these areas, you will design and present training programmes in a number of areas, such as Commercial Skills, or Personal Development. Equally as important, however, is your responsibility for providing support and counselling for course members throughout their training and beyond, preparing them for their future careers.

Ideally you will have an office or retail background. Experience in either training or counselling is an added advantage, but there is no minimum essential. Either way, training is essential as you will become involved in a wide range of activities and therefore must be mobile within either South or North London.

For further information please contact: Personnel Unit, Project Fulltime, 102 St. Vincent Way, London NW10 7SP. Telephone: 01-222 Ext. 205 or 212. Closing date for completed applications is 8 June 1987.

Project Fulltime is an Equal Opportunities Employer

**KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Property Services Manager**

Salary Grade PB 5-12 £12,482 to £16,011  
Plus Essential User Car Allowance or Lease car

The Council invites applications from qualified Valuers, preferably with Local Government experience, for the above mentioned senior post within the Borough Secretary's Department. The successful candidate will be required to work as part of a team of professional officers from a variety of disciplines in providing advice on the management and valuation of property. He/she will also act as the Council's advisor on matters relating to the valuation of property for purchase or disposal by the Council.

West Norfolk is an area of outstanding natural beauty which covers 500 square miles and contains 126,000 population. Combining attractive countryside and coastal areas with small towns and villages, it is centred on King's Lynn, a thriving port, agricultural centre and expanding town.

Generous relocation expenses are available in appropriate cases, while housing in the area is reasonably priced.

Application forms and job descriptions are available from the Personnel Section, Chief Executive Officer's Department, King's Lynn, Chapel Street, King's Lynn, Norfolk, PE30 1EX. Telephone King's Lynn 761241 Extension 278 or 285.

Closing date: 29th May 1987 16A

**CHORLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
(An Equal Opportunity Employer)

Chorley is an attractive and expanding Borough, strategically placed in the centre of gravity of the North West in Great Lancashire.

The Council is preparing a series of policies and initiatives for developing the local economy and providing a high standard of services. These include financial incentives and assistance schemes, help to small businesses, industrial development, workshop schemes and tourism.

An Economic Development Unit is being set up headed by the newly appointed Economic Development Officer, in order to develop our strategy we have created the key number two post of:

**ASSISTANT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**  
£10,569 - £12,297 p.a.  
Plus Casual User Allowance

We are looking for a highly motivated professional with good analytical, interpersonal and communication skills, enthusiasm and initiative. You should have a background and knowledge in commerce, industry, applied research, the statutory planning process or economic development. It is also a professional discipline is preferred, although evidence of academic achievement is sought.

The council operates a system of flexible working hours and offers a generous relocation package in approved cases. In addition to casual user car allowance, car purchase facilities are available.

For further details and an application form please contact the Chief Executive Officer, Town Hall, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 2BB. (Chorley 34551). Completed forms should be returned by Monday, 1st June 1987.

Conversing of any Member of the Council will be disqualify.

**SECRETARY & SOLICITOR**  
£21,285-£25,527 per annum

With local government continuing to move through a period of rapid change, the role of Chief Officers in Warwick District Council has never been more demanding or more satisfying. In order to maintain and improve the high standard of services provided to the community we are looking for an individual, not only with the ability to lead the legal and administrative functions efficiently and effectively, but also with the professional energy and innovation to make a positive contribution to the formulation of corporate policy over the wide range of issues facing a progressive Local Authority.

As the Council's Chief Legal Adviser, the Solicitor appointed will not only be required to maintain the high level of professional advice which the Council currently enjoys, but also to demonstrate an outstanding record of management achievement probably at Deputy Chief Officer level.

The position carries a lump sum car allowance and, where appropriate, a comprehensive relocation package is available together with temporary housing accommodation and a Building Society referral scheme.

Full details of the post are available from the Personnel Officer, Town Hall, Leamington Spa CV32 4AT. Tel: (0593) 450000 ext. 2177.

Applications should be in the applicant's own style including a full c.v. and should arrive no later than 12th June 1987. An equal opportunities employer.

**EXETER CITY COUNCIL**  
**PRINCIPAL SOLICITOR**  
PO4 £14,862-£16,011

The City Council is looking for an enthusiastic, hardworking Solicitor to fill the remaining senior post within the Legal and Administrative Division.

Based in the attractive County capital of Devon and responsible to the City Solicitor, you will exercise day to day management of a team of Solicitors and Legal Executives who provide an important legal service to the Council.

The duties will also include providing legal representation at courts, inquests, and tribunals, representing the City Solicitor at Committees, Sub-Committees and working groups, providing legal advice to Members, negotiating agreements and undertaking contentious legal work.

Applicants must have a sound knowledge of the law, in particular that pertaining to local government, and a discussion, telephone Dennis Humphreys, City Solicitor, on Exeter (0322) 265189.

Closing Date: 29th May 1987

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**UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER**  
**DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS FUNDING AND DEVELOPMENT**  
£21,000 plus

The holder of this new post will co-ordinate and develop the University's links with commercial industry and a range of national and international funding agencies.

Applicants should have a strong financial and business/industrial background and be capable of promoting the transfer of technology from the University to the industrial sector. An ability to attract external funding to support fundamental and applied research within the University will also be a prime requisite. An energetic and creative approach to the task will be essential. The post is available for five years from a date to be arranged as soon as possible.

Salary will not be less than £21,000 p.a.

Further particulars from the Head of Administration (Appointments), University of Leicester, University Road, Leicester LE1 7RH, to whom completed applications should be returned by 3 June 1987.

**Assistant Director of Legal and Administrative Services** £16,776-£17,916  
(grading currently under internal review)

Applications are invited from Solicitors with relevant experience for this key post which ranks third in the Department.

Primary duties will include high grade legal work, management of staff and responsibility for at least one of the Council's major Committees.

Further details and application forms, returnable by 1 June 1987, are obtainable from the Director of Legal and Administrative Services, Town Hall, Lord Street, Southport, PR8 1DA (tel. 0704 33133 ext. 2030). Canvassing will disqualify.

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**SEFTON COUNCIL**

**UNA INTERNATIONAL SERVICE**

UNA is a voluntary organisation which sends qualified and experienced workers to the Third World.

A vacancy has arisen for the following post:

**FIELD CO-ORDINATOR**  
BOLIVIA

Based in La Paz, the Field Co-ordinator will be expected to represent UNA in Bolivia. This involves:

- maintaining and developing relations with project organisations, aid agencies and other bodies in Bolivia
- assisting requests for volunteer assistance and making recommendations to the London office
- supporting and monitoring progress of volunteers in Bolivia.

The contract is for a minimum of two years. Salary is in relation to local costs.

For a full job description and application form, please contact Gary McLarnon (Personnel Administrator, UNA), 3 Whitehall Court, London SW1A 2EL, 01-950 0670.

**WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**APPOINTMENT OF BURSAR**

Applications are invited for the post of Bursar, which will become vacant on 1 October 1987 on the retirement of the present Bursar, Mr J.E. Blamhorne. The Bursar is the senior administrative officer of the Council and clerk to the Governing Body.

Applicants should possess an appropriate professional qualification and have substantial successful experience of financial administration and organisational control, preferably, but not necessarily, in an institution similar to the College.

Salary: Burnham FE Grade V Head of Department, £19,638-£21,639 under review.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Principal, Christ Church College, Canterbury.

The closing date for the receipt of applications is 3 June 1987.



## LEGAL APPOINTMENTS

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# When we meet, we'll talk the language of opportunity.

Our Client, a substantial City and international law practice, wish us to advise talented young solicitors, currently working in the provinces, of the many opportunities in all aspects of commercial law available within their City and overseas offices.

Accordingly, we will be visiting the following locations on the dates shown below and would like to meet qualified solicitors, or those about to qualify, who seek high rewards for maximum commitment.

**Norwich**  
The Post House, Ipswich Road, Norwich.  
26th - 30th May

**Bristol**  
Ladbroke Dragonara, Redcliffe Way, Bristol.  
1st - 5th June

**Oxford**  
The Randolph, Beaumont Street, Oxford.  
8th - 12th June

For further details please contact Alistair Allan.  
Absolute discretion is of course assured.

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### ADVISORY AND LITIGATION

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food:  
2 posts, one at Grade 7 and one at Grade 6  
The only legal service MAFF lawyers do not provide is conveyancing. They are in the forefront of many legal policy developments. They advise on all aspects of domestic and community law affecting the Ministry's varied activities of which the Common Agricultural Policy, Land Use and Environment, the commercial provision of advisory services, animal health and welfare, fisheries and food are only examples. They instruct Parliamentary Counsel on the Ministry's Bills and draft subordinate legislation. They handle litigation in the English Courts and in the European Court of Justice, and prosecute offenders.

Inland Revenue: 4 posts, some at Grade 6  
Providing a comprehensive legal service combining advisory work and litigation, civil and criminal: you will deal with a wide variety of problems in general law including international as well as statute law and specialist taxation subjects: opportunities for advocacy.

### CONVEYANCING

Crown Estate Office: one post  
You will undertake conveyancing work on a widely varied property portfolio which includes major commercial and residential holdings and agricultural estates as well as commons, foreshore and seabed. You will also have the opportunity to do advisory work.

HM Land Registry: 4 posts, 2 at Telford, one at Coventry and one at Hull  
This work includes the examination of the more complex titles on first registration and advising on questions of law arising from dealings with registered land. You need a knowledge of conveyancing and an interest in real property law.

### CRIMINAL LAW

HM Customs and Excise: 2 posts  
Initially you will conduct prosecutions of smugglers, particularly drug smugglers, and revenue fraudsters (both on national and EEC revenues); later you will conduct civil litigation or present appeals to the VAT tribunals, or advise on the wide range of legal matters affecting the Department.

Department of Health and Social Security: 2 posts, one at Wembley and one at Sutton  
As an experienced advocate, preferably in criminal courts, you will advise on, prepare and conduct criminal prosecutions and civil recovery cases. You will also deal with commitments and appeals in Crown Courts and supervise lay staff engaged in that work.

### GENERAL

Lord Chancellor's Department, HQ: at least one post  
You will work either on the reform of the substantive civil law, which can involve preparing legislation and briefing ministers, or on changes to the procedures and jurisdiction of the civil courts which can involve drafting and subordinate legislation. You can expect close contact from an early stage with both the Lord Chancellor and with senior officials. You will need the ability to formulate speedy and cogent advice on policy matters as well as purely legal topics.

Criminal Appeal Office: one post  
This office is concerned with every facet of the Court of Appeal Criminal Division. You will be involved in ensuring that the appeals are justiciable, the preparation of summaries of cases, research, recording court decisions and advising where necessary. These posts offer opportunities to become expert in criminal law practices and procedures.

Judge Advocate General's Office: one post  
As a barrister responsible to the Vice Judge Advocate General you will handle requests from the Army and the Royal Air Force for the appointment of Judge Advocates at courts martial and requests for legal advice, drafting for the Vice Judge Advocate General. You will assist in the follow-up action and occasionally sit as a Judge Advocate.

Office of Fair Trading: one post  
This is an excellent opportunity for a lawyer with a particular interest in consumer or competition law. Your work will involve advising, drafting, negotiating and some advocacy on a wide range of issues.

Salaries (under review): Legal Officer £11,425-£15,435; Grade 7 £15,780-£20,930; Grade 6 £19,485-£25,765. £1465 less outside London. Level of appointment and starting salary according to qualifications and experience. Several of the appointments may be at Grade 6 level. For the able young lawyer promotion to Grade 7 could come quickly.

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The major trade association and employers organisation of the agricultural and horticultural industries in England and Wales is seeking a solicitor or barrister for its Legal Services Division. The Division handles practical advisory work and law reform and other policy matters over the broad range of law affecting those industries. The person appointed will deal with aspects of commercial law including contracts, consumer law, torts, and, possibly, employment law. An ability to communicate well to a wide audience is important. The post is in the Headquarters of The National Farmers' Union in Knightsbridge, London and the commencing salary will be in the range of £11,500 to £14,500, depending upon qualifications and experience. Those interested should seek further particulars from:

The Director of Personnel (BRK), NFU, Agriculture House, Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7NJ

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Please apply in writing with a full curriculum vitae to either:-

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Slaughter and May,  
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or

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Slaughter and May,  
27th Floor,  
Two Exchange Square,  
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We welcome enquiries from Articled Clerks throughout the U.K. due to qualify in 1987 who like the opportunity to discuss, on an informal basis, the opportunities open to them in private practice, both in Central London and the provinces. Positions in all fields of the law carry with them increasingly attractive remuneration and prospects.

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Applicants are asked to send their full career, salary and personal details to: Alexander Sneddon, Senior Personnel Officer, British Aerospace PLC, Corporate Headquarters, Brooklands Road, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 0SJ. Tel: (0932) 53444 ext 3945.

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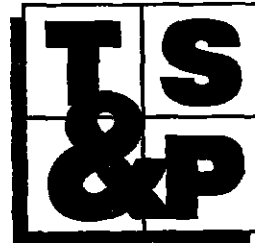
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RUGBY UNION

# England's fortitude will be put to test by speedy Australians

From David Hands, Rugby Correspondent, Sydney

There is a locale in Brisbane, England's first port of call in their World Cup travels, called Fortitude Valley. It is named after a ship rather than an attitude of mind but it aptly illustrates the emotions of the English party as work begins in earnest for their opening game, against Australia here on Saturday.

They have seen Australia at work, albeit against the South Koreans, whose stature both literally and figuratively in rugby terms is not great, and nothing has altered their respect for their opponents, whose ability to move the ball wide and to keep it alive with a succession of well-supported attacks will have better de-

fences than the Koreans' (beaten 65-18 on Sunday) grasping at air.

They also have with them videos of Australia's three games against New Zealand last year which won them the Bledisloe Cup, when nothing was more impressive than the pace of the game. The same can be seen in club rugby in Sydney: two first-grade sides offer much more value for money in terms of constant action than their equivalents in England, though there is sometimes a lack of control which reduces the best laid schemes.

England will have to match that pace, probably without Bainbridge, the Flyde lock,

whose chances of recovery from a muscle injury at the base of the buttocks look less than good. The team to play Australia will be announced today and it is possible that Bainbridge, even if his leg is improved, will be held back for fear of aggravating the injury and jeopardizing an appearance in later pool games against the Americans and Japanese.

The team management hope to hear shortly the results of x-rays taken on Bainbridge's back before departure for Australia which, they have been advised, may relate to the present injury.

This would leave the second row duties to Dooley and

Redman which would, in many ways, be a more natural pairing because Redman is happier packing on the right and Dooley equally at home on either side of the scrum. The scrum would not suffer and it would be a chance for Redman to demonstrate his maintained improvement at international level.

"Bainbridge is clearly making progress" Martin Green, the coach, said yesterday, "but we will have to see what the doctor has to say." Today Green will put the squad through their paces against the Middlesex forwards who arrived in Sydney fresh - if that is the word - from a 37-13 defeat at the hands of Western Australia at the weekend. England will also have the use of a Powerhouse scrummaging machine similar to that they have used at home.

Australia too flew down from Brisbane yesterday, leaving the sunshine state to the Japanese and Americans who play their opening game at Ballymore on Sunday. Illnesses have affected four of the Australian squad, Poidevin, Lynagh and Tuynman - all of whom are likely to play against England - and the young Queensland flanker, Coker, who is not, but any discomfort is purely temporary.

## Wyllie ready to face French

From Gerald Davies, Auckland

Scotland were the first into the starting blocks yesterday when they announced the team to play in their opening match of the World Cup. For the game against France in Christchurch on Saturday they have made two changes and one positional change from the team that finished off the Five Nations championship against England at Twickenham last month.

Scott Hastings, who strained a hamstring in training on Sunday, was not available for selection in the centre and his place will be taken by Wyllie.

Because Beattie, the No. 8, was unable to play in the tournament due to damaged ligaments, which meant an operation, there have had to be readjustments made in the forwards.

Ian Paxton, who played the home season at lock, moves to the middle of the back row and Tomes, who played in this season's matches against Ireland and France before he was succeeded by White, whom he now partners in the second row, wins his 44th cap.

The news of Hastings is more

encouraging than it was on Sunday evening. It is now hoped that he will recover in time for the match against Zimbabwe a week on Saturday.

SCOTLAND: A G Hastings (Westerhouse), M D F Duncan (West of Scotland), K W Redman (Aberdeen), S E Wyllie (Stewart's Melville FP), J Tulloch (Glasgow), R Butherford (Glasgow), R J Laidlaw (Luton), D M H Sale (Rugby), C T Duns (Hawick), G M Milne (Hawick), G B Jeffrey (Kelso), A J Thomas (Hawick), G B White (Glasgow), F Calder (Stewart's Melville FP), I A M Paxton (Stewart's Melville FP), J R O'Halloran (London Scottish), A K Brewster (Stewart's Melville FP), G J Calder (Kelso).

### POOLS FORECAST by Paul Newman

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### MOTOR SPORT

## British perform well in Belgian support race

By a Special Correspondent

Britain had a good day in the Formula 3000 race which supported last weekend's Belgian Grand Prix at Spa-Francorchamps, with three of their drivers finishing in the top six.

Frenchman Michel Trolle won the race in his Lola but it had to be stopped after 16 of the scheduled 25 laps following an accident between Luis Sala and Alfonso Garcia de Vinuesa, both of Spain. Vinuesa was hospitalized with serious concussion after hitting a tyre wall at 120mph, but is now recovering.

Trolle had to fight for his win, his first in the category. Briton Mark Blundell, aged 20, out-foxed everybody with his handling of a year-old Lola chassis. Despite his inexperience he led confidently from

Roberto Moreno, who finished third, and was only overtaken by Trolle as the track dried out.

Andy Wallace, the British Formula Three champion, was fourth in his March, while Gary Evans followed home fifth-placed Marco Apicella, of Italy.

As less than 75 per cent of the race had been run at the time of the accident, only half points were awarded.

The fourth Briton in the race, Russell Spence, looked set for a high placing, having been one of the first to swap his wet weather tyres for slicks as the track dried, but the premature stoppage worked against him and he was classified ninth.

RESULTS: 1 M Trolle, Lola 78/70; 2 M Blundell, Lola 78/70; 3 R Moreno, March 75/75; 4 G Evans, March 75/75; 5 M Apicella, March 75/75; 6 A Garcia de Vinuesa, Lola 78/70; 7 L Sala, Lola 78/70; 8 R Spence, Lola 78/70; 9 A Wallace, Lola 78/70.

## Lucky 13 receive honours

By John Goodbody

Lloyd Honeyghan, the world welterweight boxing champion, yesterday received a United Nations award because he gave up his World Boxing Association title when he might have had to meet a South African.

Honeyghan was one of 13 people who received the citation at the House of Commons yesterday from Major General Joseph Garba, chairman of the United Nations Special Committee Against Apartheid. The others were footballers Brian Steia, Ricki Hill, Chris Hughes, John Fashanu and Garth Crooks; rugby internationals Derek Wyatt and John Taylor; cricketer Peter Roebuck; sports commentator Ron Pickering; the hockey international Bal Saini; Paul Stephenson, a former member of the sports council, and Denis Howell, the shadow minister for sport.

The only jarring note of the last function to be held at the House of Commons during the present Parliament was when the name of Peter Roebuck was announced. Lincoln Crawford, a lawyer, loudly protested at his inclusion because he said it was offensive and wrong that someone who had been responsible for "throwing out" Joel Garner and Viv Richards from the Somerset team should be honoured.

Roebuck was not present to receive the citation.

### SWIMMING

## Britain fail badly in international

By Roy Moor

The British team took a hiding in the two-day triangular international concluded in Nijmegen on Sunday. Their total of 186 points left them trailing the West Germans, on 275, and the Netherlands, with 250.

But all was not gloom, particularly where June Croft, Gaynor Stanley and Nick Gillingham were concerned. Miss Croft, making her comeback for Britain following retirement after the Los Angeles Olympics, missed a winning double by only a second in finishing runner-up on Sunday to Alexandra Russ of West Germany, in the 400 metres freestyle in 4min 22.14sec.

The national sprint record holder from Wigan also showed much of her old form when beating Conny van Bentum, the Dutch world medallist, winning a tight-finishing 200m freestyle on Saturday in 2min 4.89sec.

Miss Stanley, second in the 400m medley on Saturday, was Britain's only winner on Sunday with a powerful final thrust to take the 200m breaststroke in 2min 39.88sec.

Gillingham, from Birmingham, also excelled in the men's breaststroke events, following his 200m win on the first day with second place ahead of the top-ranking Ralf Beas and Bert Goebel, of West Germany, in Sunday's 100m with 1min 5.61sec.

The British team was far from full strength because the selectors had chosen to give international experience to several promising youngsters.

### ICE SKATING

## Conway heads squad

Joanne Conway, the 16-year-old British ladies champion, heads Great Britain's list of Olympic possibilities for next year's Winter Games in Calgary. Miss Conway's tenth placing in the world championships means that Britain are entitled to send a second competitor in the ladies' event - this place is expected to be taken by Gina Fulton, of Sunderland.

SQUAD POSSIBLES: Individual ladies: J Conway (Sunderland), M P Robinson (Sunderland), M P Robinson (Blackpool), L and N Cushey (Teesside), S Jones and P Johnson (Al-Strathern), L Coates and A Aberti (Strathern).

### ROWING

## Redgrave stars with Holmes in the pairs

From Jim Railton, Mannheim

Steven Redgrave and Andy Holmes of Great Britain opened their international account over the weekend here with three elite wins in the pairs. On Saturday the British pair, Olympic and world champions in coxed pairs and fours, won the coxed pairs and on Sunday made their presence felt by taking both the coxed and coxed pairs - no mean feat.

Redgrave and Holmes are superbly fit. Only on Thursday, Redgrave took the Wingfield Sculls with ease to become, for the third time in succession, the champion of the Thames.

The programme in the world championships this year has been changed and Redgrave and Holmes could double up attempting both pair-coxed events or even one pair together with the eight. That is a formidable challenge but in next year's Olympic Regatta in Seoul the British pair will certainly once again be the main stem of the British team.

The British men's team are sensibly concentrating on small boats at the moment. On Saturday John Moxey and John Garrett, from last year's British eight, won the coxed pairs. But Britain's 1985 world silver medal winners in coxed pairs, Adam Clift and Martin Cross, failed to turn out here.

If Britain's international rowing director, Penny Chuter, can sort her pairs and talent out, Great Britain has an excellent springboard for this year's world championships in Copenhagen and the 1988 Olympic Regatta.

On Sunday Great Britain added a third success with the British men's lightweight eight repeating Saturday's victory, while Britain's Caroline Lucas, a lightweight rower for Italy where she is domiciled, won the women's heavyweight sculls to give, in theory, four British wins.

MEN'S HEAVYWEIGHT EVENTS: Coxed four: 1, West Germany, 5min 49.27sec; 2, Great Britain, 5:51.51; 3, West Germany, 5:47.12; 4, West Germany, 5:48.71; 5, Great Britain, 5:57.70; 6, Great Britain, 5:42.44; 7, West Germany, 5:48.34; 8, London University (GB), 5:22.94; 4, ARA (GB), 5:23.63.

MEN'S SPECIAL EVENTS: Eight: 1, East Germany, 5min 12.74sec; 2, West Germany, 5:14.74; 3, West Germany, 5:15.74; 4, West Germany, 5:16.74; 5, West Germany, 5:17.74; 6, West Germany, 5:18.74; 7, West Germany, 5:19.74; 8, West Germany, 5:20.74.

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# Brazilians may have to suffer the wizardry of Barnes again

**FINAL PLACINGS:** Men: 1, Malory; 2, Speedwell; 3, Polonia; 4, Liverpool. Women: 1, Sale; 2, Ashcombe; 3, Spark; 4, Arsenal.

**Getting a grip: Shilton back in contention (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)**

This was the first time the

**Australian players who toured South Africa over the past two**

With so many international players on view, the tournament will provide a form guide to the

**BRITISH LEAGUE:** Ex. 82 24. Wakefield 17  
Second division final: German Tornados 10,  
Strathclyde University 0.  
**BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP:** Women's play-  
off: Wakefield Metros 19. Yull and Dodd  
Satellites 7.

**OTHER SPORT**

**CYCLING:** Milk race (Darlington to Hull).

## BASKETBALL

**NORTH AMERICA:** National Basketball Association (NBA) playoffs: Boston Celtics 115, Milwaukee Bucks 113 (Celtics won best-of-7).

**VILNIUS, USSR:** Soviet National Basketball League (NBL) playoffs: Rostov 77, USSR 88; England 77, Australia 68; USSR 88, England 77, China 81.

Thomson, aged 58, has been making a new career in the last five years, frequently winning on the American Seniors tour.



# TELEVISION AND RADIO

## An urban pastoral dream

Compiled by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle



Chris Baines: he discovers some unsuspected rural delights of Birmingham in *The Wild Side of Town* (BBC1, 11.45pm)

● *The Wild Side of Town* (BBC1, 11.45pm) is one of those excellent programmes which, because it goes out late in the evening and under the banner of Educational Broadcasting, is in danger of being passed over. There is no dry didactic lecture but a delightful exploration of how wildlife is flourishing in the most unpromising urban environments. One such, with no disrespect to the second city, is Birmingham, where, only a few minutes from the Bull Ring, it is possible to indulge the pastoral dream in a leafy paradise that might be in the heart of the country. The series is presented by Chris Baines, an environmental enthusiast in the David Bellamy tradition, though happily free of Bellamy's more studied eccentricities. Baines takes us along canals and disused rail-

way lines and even to a sewage plant where birds gather to make a meal of the available insects. One reason for this urban migration, Baines reckons, is that the real countryside has become a sterile food factory, blighted by pesticides and chemical fertilizers. Practising what he preaches, Baines has created his own wildlife garden, eschewing trim lawns and herbaceous borders and getting as far as possible back to nature. Here the starlings splash happily in his pond before making their way to the warm and comfort of Birmingham New Street. The second programme goes out on Thursday, May 28

### CHOICE

Peter Waymark

● Peter Davalle writes: On the evidence unearthed by Jeremy Siepmann in Offenbach in America (Radio 4, 8.00pm), the composer was also a reporter *manqué*. This marvellous account of the Frenchman's transatlantic trip in 1876, told largely in his own words, strings together some pearls of observation, from the Detroit family who nearly blew themselves to bits in an excess of celebration on Independence Day, to the opportunistic salesman for gurgling oil who, spotting a horse that had dropped to the ground with exhaustion, ran up to it and stuck on its nose a poster bearing the legend: "Good for man and beast." Offenbach was amusing, too, on the American trains that were literally cradles on wheels and on the suicidal incentives offered by the Niagara Falls.



Jacques Offenbach: *Travellers' Tales* (Radio 4, 8.00pm)

### VARIATIONS

**BBC1** WALKER 5.30pm-6.00pm. 10.00pm *Wales* 10.00pm-10.30pm. 10.30pm *Smile It Right* 10.30pm-11.00pm. 11.00pm *The Wild Side of Town* 11.00pm-11.30pm. 11.30pm *News and weather* 11.30pm-11.45pm. 11.45pm *The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland* 11.45pm-12.00pm. 12.00pm *News and weather* 12.00pm-12.15pm. 12.15pm *The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland* 12.15pm-12.30pm. 12.30pm *Reportage* 12.30pm-1.00pm. 1.00pm *The West Highland Way* 1.00pm-1.30pm. 1.30pm *News and weather* 1.30pm-1.45pm. 1.45pm *Today's Sport* 1.45pm-2.00pm. 2.00pm *News and weather* 2.00pm-2.15pm. 2.15pm *Carry On Laughing* 2.15pm-2.30pm. 2.30pm *Carry On* 2.30pm-2.45pm. 2.45pm *News and weather* 2.45pm-2.55pm. 2.55pm *Carry On* 2.55pm-3.10pm. 3.10pm *Carry On* 3.10pm-3.25pm. 3.25pm *Carry On* 3.25pm-3.40pm. 3.40pm *Carry On* 3.40pm-3.55pm. 3.55pm *Carry On* 3.55pm-4.10pm. 4.10pm *Carry On* 4.10pm-4.25pm. 4.25pm *Carry On* 4.25pm-4.40pm. 4.40pm *Carry On* 4.40pm-4.55pm. 4.55pm *Carry On* 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## Positive tests on snooker stars

By John Goodbody

Alex Higgins, Rex Williams and John Spencer have proved positive for beta blockers in drug tests at tournaments, the World Professional Billiard and Snooker Association (WPBSA) confirmed yesterday.

Paul Hatherell, the WPBSA tournament director, said the three players all had medical certificates to take the drug for heart conditions.

It was suspected that Williams and Spencer were two of the players taking the drug when *The Times* revealed the positive tests five weeks ago, but the revelation that Higgins has also been taking beta blockers is surprising.

Hatherell said: "We did have a result from Higgins. But it was identified on his form that he was taking the drug. Our medical advisers are talking to his medical advisers about his condition."

Greg Millard, a spokesman for Higgins, said yesterday: "Alex has been prescribed the drug legitimately. I cannot say for what reasons because what goes on between anyone and his medical advisers is a private matter."

Beta blockers are a banned drug — with or without a medical certificate — in sports like shooting, archery and modern pentathlon, because of misuse by competitors seeking to reduce tremor and relieve anxiety.

At the recent world snooker championship, Neal Foulds, aged 23, a semi-finalist, admitted he was taking beta blockers but has yet to be picked up in tests carried out largely with taxpayers' money under the Sports Council direction.

The council and the WPBSA are to meet in the next month to discuss the controversy of drug-taking in Britain's favourite television sport.

They will report their findings to Richard Tracey, the Minister for Sport. Another Conservative MP, Colin Moynihan, an Olympic silver medal winner in rowing and also a steward of the British Boxing Board of Control, has called for any players being forced to take beta blockers to retire from the sport because they have an unfair advantage.

**Neal retires**

Phil Neal, the Bolton player-manager, has announced that he is not to play again after his side's relegation to the fourth division. "I've never been a quitter," he said. "I had hard years at Northampton and came through as a player. I expect to come through now as a manager."

"But I'm going to hang my boots up. The legs just won't go any more. I take full responsibility for what has happened, but I'm not quitting."

# Fresh challenge for Taylor

By Dennis Shaw and Ian Stafford

Aston Villa achieved one of the most startling managerial coups with the appointment yesterday of Graham Taylor on a four-year contract, a move made possible by Dave Bassett's availability to succeed Taylor at Watford.

Doug Ellis, the Villa chairman, got his man without paying compensation for the remaining three years of Taylor's contract. Taylor had been discussing the manager's job at Villa Park with Ellis for the past seven days, while Bassett resigned as Wimbledon manager last week over an internal dispute, thought to be connected with the club's reluctance to provide more cash to reinforce his team.

Taylor replaced Billy McNeill, dismissed 10 days ago after he had allowed the Birmingham club to drift into the second division. Now Villa confidently expect a flood of season ticket applications to finance a fresh start in search of the major honours which have escaped them since the League championship, European Cup and Super Cup were won between 1981 and 1983.

This, plus the master stroke in effectively securing Taylor on a free transfer, enabled Ellis to offer a contract believed to be worth in excess of £200,000 over four years.

Taylor outlined his plans for a comprehensive shake-up on Villa's depressed playing affairs within minutes of assuming his duties. Sitting beside his new chairman, Taylor said: "This job will be done my way. The quicker everyone comes to terms with that fact, the better. I have always been used to having a free hand and operating in a disciplined environment."

Taylor, whose individual style created a legend in his 10 years at Watford, instantly announced his intentions of revitalizing Villa's attitudes.

"This is a very big club which has lost its way on the playing side," he pointed out. "It has no successful team, no

effective youth set-up, no proper scouting and no discipline.

"The playing side is a shambles. This must change and I am here to change it."

Villa's new manager accepts that funds cannot be readily available until his arrival has the necessary effect of revitalizing support and improving results.

"I cannot expect to be in the same position to buy as I would be in the first division. One day Aston Villa will be back competing on level terms with the Liverpool and the Everton," he added. "I don't know exactly when but I've been given a four-year shot at it."

Taylor's decision to leave Watford, where his partnership with the multi-millionaire Elton John created a remarkable transformation, sent tremors of surprise through the League.

"Everyone close to me has asked the same question," Taylor said as he took up his new role. "Why leave after all you have done there?"

"The fact is I knew I could have remained forever. They would never have shown me the door. But Elton John was marvellously understanding."

"He fully realized that a time comes in your life when you must move on, take a new direction, except a challenge because things have become too comfortable."

Taylor has a No.2 in mind to help him with the reconstruction job he has undertaken at a club which cannot maintain its standards if it is too long out of the first division limelight.

The Watford chairman, Elton John, obviously sees Bassett as the perfect replacement. Bassett's success story at Wimbledon is remarkably similar to his new club's own rise in fortune, and he shares Taylor's belief in positive football.

**Taylor got Watford on the march**

Graham Taylor served his managerial apprenticeship at Lincoln, where he helped the now non-League club win the fourth division championship in 1976.

His success was recognized by Elton John, who persuaded Taylor to try and repeat the achievement at Watford, then a struggling fourth division team, the following year. In 1978 Taylor managed just that, as Watford marched straight from the fourth to the second division in successive years, where they remained until gaining promotion to the top division in 1982.

In their first season Watford finished runners-up in the Football League and in 1984 reached the FA Cup Final for the first time in the club's history, losing to Everton. They also played in Europe.



New hall park: Graham Taylor, the Aston Villa manager, savouring pastures anew after his appointment yesterday

A brilliant motivator and organizer, he lifted Wimbledon from the fourth division to sixth place in the first division this season on a financial shoestring.

Yesterday Bassett, who lives five miles from Vicarage Road, was delighted with his new post. "I am very excited at the thought of managing Watford," he said. "Everything has happened so quickly, but it has

provided a real challenge for me. I could not possibly wish for anything better."

Wimbledon look likely to collect a hefty compensation pay-out for the remaining six months of Bassett's contract, which, under the terms of the agreement he has with the club, could retain his services until November.

Providing the Wimbledon owner Sam Hammam can

negotiate this with Elton John he is certain to let his manager go. Bassett could also foresee no difficulties as he prepared himself to meet the Watford players.

"I am certain there will be no problems on that matter," he said. "Jim Cannon, the Crystal Palace captain and defender, has said that he would like to succeed Bassett at Plough Lane."

## Machin is the man for City

By Ian Ross

Manchester City will place their immediate future in the hands of Mel Machin, the Norwich City coach, who resigned yesterday. Machin will move to Maine Road to form a new management team with present manager Jimmy Frizzell, but is expected to be made responsible for team selection.

Machin, one of the most respected coaches in British football, has long been recognized as one of the driving forces behind Norwich's recent successes, which include a Milk Cup triumph in 1985.

His appointment will bring to an end a period of uncertainty and speculation which started when Peter Swales, the Manchester City chairman, announced that, in the wake of the club's relegation to the second division, he was looking for someone to assist Frizzell in his duties.

The future of Mick McCarthy, the club's Republic of Ireland international defender, should be decided later today. McCarthy has been the subject of inquiries from three clubs — Glasgow Celtic, Liverpool and Sheffield Wednesday — and is available at £450,000.

Celtic are known to have already offered £425,000 but they could be left disappointed if Kenny Dalglish, the Liverpool manager who has seen his side decimated by injuries since the turn of the year, decides to strengthen his senior squad.

"It is a bewildering situation," said McCarthy.

## Mansell lets himself down

By John Blunsden

Nigel Mansell is the Grand Prix driver most likely to become Britain's next world champion. When he does so — which I hope will be quite soon — I trust he will take a leaf out of his good friend Alain Prost's book and mirror the talented and likeable Frenchman's performances — not only in the cockpit but also after he climbs out of it.

Mansell has many thousands of supporters. The fact that he was voted BBC Television Sports Personality of the Year in 1986 is a measure of the wide public support he enjoys.

So it was particularly distressing that the Belgian Grand Prix on Sunday should have been marred by Mansell's unseemly behaviour in the aftermath of the on-track incident involving his car and that of his long time rival, Ayrton Senna. In attacking Senna in his pit garage, Mansell not only let himself down, he let down those thousands who identify in him good old-fashioned British grit, determination and good behaviour.

"People do funny things when they get heated — and not necessarily the right things. When you are in that frame of mind, it is best to sit down quietly in a corner and sort yourself out. Mansell was obviously not thinking about what he was doing," Senna said.

Regardless of whose fault it was that the two cars tangled and went off (and it was difficult to find very much support at the circuit for Mansell's contention that he was the innocent victim), drivers at the top of their profession are expected to handle themselves in a thoroughly professional manner in or out of the car. To put it bluntly, they are paid an exceedingly large sum of money to do just that on behalf not only of their team, but also of the many sponsoring companies.



Senna: understanding

Peter Windsor, press officer for Williams Engineering, said of the incident: "Nigel went down to the Lotus pits and it was obvious why he was angry. It was pent-up emotion. His action in hitting Senna said everything about how he felt and he has said nothing more."

The sad thing about Sunday's punch-up is that it was in such vivid contrast to Mansell's demeanour prior to the race. Although practice had not been without its problems (the ever-changing weather during the two days of preparation had made sure of that), he was as relaxed as I have ever seen him and seemingly so completely in control of both himself.

He had taken time off for a round of golf and was delighted at having bagged a pair of eagles. One sensed that if Prost (invariably superb at Spa) was not going to win the race, then Mansell was the one to do so.

Grand Prix racing is a most exciting sport and it is inevitable that the adrenalin runs freely, particularly among the more competitive performers. But control of the emotions is in itself a vital contribution to sustained success in motor racing, and Prost for one would not be the best Grand Prix driver of his day had he not mastered this so effectively.

In less than two weeks' time, Nigel Mansell and Ayrton Senna will be sharing a race circuit again, only this time it will be the tortuous, hairpin-filled streets of Monaco — a far-from-accommodating environment for anyone carrying any residual animosity. Furthermore, this year, 26 cars will be allowed into the Monaco Grand Prix instead of the usual 20, so heavy traffic with minimal room for manoeuvre can be virtually guaranteed.

Let us hope that long before the two drivers climb into their cars, they take time off for a chat, and a pat on the back rather than a frontal assault. Then shake hands and put last Sunday's incident firmly behind them. May they also both reach the finish of the race because each of them has a special talent on street circuits and to be denied the sight of it over the full duration of the race would be a loss indeed.

## Origins of the deal

Friday, May 8: Billy McNeill sacked.

Saturday, May 9: Ron Atkinson favourite to replace him after preliminary talks. However Doug Ellis, the chairman, regards him as best available, not necessarily the best.

Sunday, May 10: Ellis asks Stuart Webb, the Derby County managing director, for permission to talk to his manager, Arthur Cox, but is refused.

Monday May 11: Ellis now aware from grapevine that Graham Taylor might consider leaving Watford. Dave Bassett resigns from Wimbledon. Villa draw up short list of possibilities at board meeting. Taylor is their man if they can get him.

Wednesday May 13: Elton John gives Ellis permission to talk to Taylor. Meeting takes place and Watford manager expresses profound interest.

Saturday May 16: Elton John decides to appoint Bassett and release Taylor.

Sunday May 17: Final meeting between Ellis and Taylor at Villa chairman's home. They shake hands on deal at 10.30pm.

## Kendall unlikely to be lured

By Ian Ross

Barcelona will again attempt to lure Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, to Spain later this month with offers of instant wealth.

Kendall, named as the English game's manager of the year last week, after leading the Merseyside club to a second League championship success in three seasons, is still the man the wealthy Spaniards see as the natural successor to Terry Venables, whose future is again in doubt following the weekend defeat at Real Zaragoza, which effectively

ended the club's chances of claiming the Spanish title.

Although Venables has recently signed a new 12-month contract, the indications are that Barcelona, in a bid to pacify their disillusioned supporters, will seek to nullify that agreement.

Venables had originally agreed to stay on in the hope of fulfilling his ambition of leading the club to success in the European Cup, but with his side faltering in the end-of-season play-offs, a runners-up

spot behind rivals Real Madrid and a place in next season's UEFA Cup are all he can realistically hope for.

Venables would almost certainly have left Barcelona and returned to England last May had his side not lost in the European Cup to Steaua Bucharest.

Ironically the man who had been lined up to succeed him was Kendall, who, at the time, was ready to move to the Continent.

## Derbyshire throw away quarter-final place

By Richard Streeton

DERBY: Gloucestershire (2pts) beat Derbyshire by four runs.

Derbyshire frittered their chance to win this crucial Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-final yesterday at the eleventh hour after their captain, Kim Barnett, scored a magnificent hundred. They needed 23 from the last 21 balls when Barnett was out but instead lost five wickets.

Gloucestershire qualified to meet Kent at home in the quarter-final round. It was three o'clock before the match could be resumed after heavy overnight rain was followed by drizzle, which lasted until lunchtime, when the Derbyshire innings completed. There must have been mixed feelings about starting at all: an abandonment would have earned each side a point and both would have qualified for the last eight.

Northamptonshire, the side with the group's best scoring rate, would have been squeezed out through no fault of their own. This particular complexity became academic when the Derbyshire innings completed 20 overs, meaning a definite result could now be calculated. Derbyshire were 27 without loss from eight overs on Saturday evening and Barnett and Maher advanced the score to 119 from 30 overs before they were separated. It was an ideal launching pad from which the later batsmen could build an assault.

Barnett looked in complete control and carefully chose the right ball to drive or hook. Maher played his part with several aggressive strokes against Curran, whose first four overs cost 25 runs. Barnbridge was far steadier and mainly responsible for keeping Gloucestershire in the hunt.

The opening stand ended when Maher moved out to drive Graveney over mid-on but he skied a high catch behind the bowler. Lawrence was brought on and Roberts, who has scarcely failed this season, was yorked by the first ball he faced. At tea Derbyshire were 128 for two, still needing 114 from 23 overs.

Barnett and Morris both made positive strokes after the interval as they added 59 in 12 overs for the third wicket. Morris gave one hard chance off Lawrence when he was 23 before he was bowled as soon as Walsh returned, by a ball of full length. Derbyshire needed 58 from the last 10 overs.

At 205 Walsh had Anderson dismissed in the 52nd over. Lawrence then came on and wanted the game could still go to either side. He had taken Derbyshire to within sight of their target with calm, chanceless strokeplay, which earned him the gold award, when he was hit out at 219, caught a short third man off Alleyne's first over.

In Alleyne's next over, Finney was caught at long-on. Holding was bowled attempting another big hit, and then Warner was run out.

Derbyshire needed 11 runs when Bainbridge began the last over. A leg-bye came before Newman swung a high catch to deep midwicket and Jean-Jacques and Mortensen could only score five from the rest of the over.

GLoucestershire: 241 for 8 (55 overs) (K M Curran 57).

DERBYSHIRE: K J Barnett c Lloyd b Alleyne 115, R J Maher c Lloyd b Graveney 62, J E Morris b Lawrence 29, J S Anderson c Russell b Walsh 28, R J Finney c Webb b Alleyne 8, P R Newman c Mortensen b Barnbridge 4, A E Warner run out 1, M J Jean-Jacques not out 2, O H Mortensen not out 1. Extras 10 (11 w, 5 lb, 30 nb). Total 19 wds, 55 overs.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-115, 2-120, 3-179, 4-205, 5-219, 6-228, 7-228, 8-231, 9-232. SCORING: Walsh 114-54-2, Lawrence 11-55-1, Barnbridge 11-37-1, Curran 7-37-7, Graveney 11-37-1, Lloyd 2-10-0, Alleyne 2-13-3.

Umpires: N T Plews and J Brackenbury.

Benson and Hedges Cup

Group A	P	W	L	NB	pts
Gloucestershire	4	3	0	0	6
Northamptonshire	4	2	2	0	4
Derbyshire	4	2	2	0	4
Nottinghamshire	4	1	3	0	2
Leicestershire	4	1	3	0	2

## McLean must restore spirit

By Hugh Taylor

Jim McLean yesterday began the formidable task of trying to restore the shattered morale of Dundee United with only a few hours to spare before the team meet IFK Göteborg in the most important match in their history, the second leg of the UEFA Cup final at Tannadice tomorrow.

To raise his team one more time and overcome the one goal lead held by the Swedes, the United manager has to talk his players into believing in themselves again, try to breathe new life into aching limbs and shrug off the disappointment of losing the

Scottish Cup final to St Mirren.

As a first step in his plan to salvage an honour from a season which promised so much glory, McLean will tell his players to forget all about Hearts of Midlothian. He realises that the pessimists are already forecasting that United will follow in the footsteps of Hearts, who lost the league and cup in the final two matches of last season.

"But our players must be made to consider that they have played too well in Europe to stumble now," McLean said. And he has told

them that they can still make the season the most celebrated in Tannadice history if they beat Göteborg.

Injuries to Kirkwood, Redford, Bannan, Narey and Malpas have to be remedied before the kick-off but McLean said he was not too concerned about these just yet. "We have a pool of around 17 players," the manager added. His displeasure at the play of some of the seniors in the side was revealed when he said significantly: "Perhaps I will have to see if some of the others can handle the kind of situation."

## Staying in Sheffield

The world snooker championship is safe in Sheffield despite a row over tobacco sponsorship. Sheffield Council's health and consumer services officials have recommended that events sponsored by tobacco companies should be banned from areas under council influence — including the Crucible Theatre, which hosts the championship.

But councillors have now stepped back from a ban and the deputy leader of the city council, Clive Betts, has written to snooker's ruling body, the WPBSA, telling them the tournament can stay in Sheffield, even if Embassy remain the sponsors.

**Rutter back**

Tony Rutter, aged 45, from Brierley Hill, Staffordshire, the winner of seven TT motor cycle races in the Isle of Man, is to make a comeback almost two years after being badly injured in a grand prix



Holmes: FA Cup survivor

**Seeds win**

Sweden and the United States were both involved in tough matches before winning their first ties on the opening day of the World team tennis cup yesterday in Düsseldorf, West Germany. In the red group, West Germany surprisingly held the strong Swedes to 1-1 after the singles before the favourites settled the tie by winning the doubles. Brad Gilbert and John McEnroe both needed three-set matches against Sergio Casal and Emilio Sanchez of Spain, before establishing America's 2-0 winning lead.

## Nesbitt out

The surprise withdrawal of Derek Nesbitt's Karrimor from the Scottish island peaks event some hours after it had crossed the line first brought an element of controversy into what had been an exciting finish to the 200-mile sailing and mountain running marathon. The reason given for Nesbitt's decision was that Karrimor had infringed the rules by bumping two boats in the mêlée at the start in Oban.

## Holmes free

Southampton's long-serving club captain, Nick Holmes, has been given a free transfer. Holmes, aged 32, has made 542 appearances for the club in his 17 years at the Dell but a persistent pelvic injury restricted him to just 11 games last season. Born locally, Holmes was the last survivor of Southampton's FA Cup-winning team of 1976 still with the club.

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